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“**W**hen I finished junior college I felt I had come to the end of my education. I was bored with books. But, after working for two years, however much I loved my job modeling for the John Robert Powers Agency, I was ready to go back to school. Barnard accepted me as a transfer student, for which I shall be ever grateful.

“All of a sudden, college was exciting. I loved the literature courses I took. I majored in creative writing—I might almost say I majored in Professor Ethel Sturtevant’s Creative Writing, because I would take two of her classes in short fiction at a time.

“I have continued to write and I am proud of how my love of writing has shaped my accomplishments: starting an organization called The Island Writers in my Florida community, and running a creative writing workshop at the federal prison in Rochester, Minnesota. I split my time between Florida and Minnesota, but I write wherever I am!

“I chose to make a gift to Barnard through a charitable gift annuity funded with appreciated securities. This gift provides tax and income benefits to me, and it will eventually augment a scholarship fund for students with a desire to be writers.

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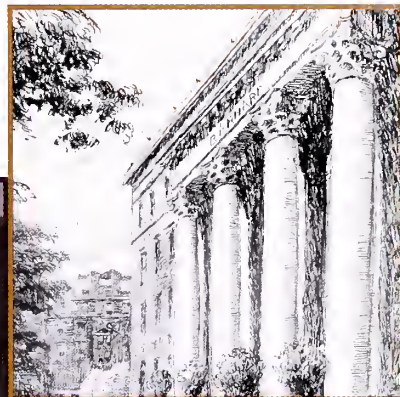
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Redefining Success

Thank you so much for publishing "The Zen of Success" (Summer 2004). It's important that Barnard women hear that it's OK to strive for things other than material success, and that it's respectable to make decisions that put things other than career on the front burners. It's hard to feel accomplished when we must deal with the pressure of being valued according to the standards of a capitalist-driven patriarchy.

I know Barnard women don't lack in drive and competitive spirit, and we want traditional success so much sometimes that it hurts, but it's good to remember at the end of the day that we're more than a paycheck or a house in the Hamptons. We must remember that we have value even if we aren't the best and standing on the top of the heap in everything we do.

Do we really think less of women who stay home with their children? Absolutely not, and as a community we should work to make sure that all things women do are valued and celebrated. For what good is a women's college if it doesn't recognize the breadth and depth of women?

*Kristin Bell '96
Vancouver, Wash.*

Caring for Caregivers

I was glad to see the magazine begin to address the issue of caregiving ("Acts of Love," Winter 2004), a role I've been carrying out for the past decade—

even before I knew that there was a name for what I was doing. The problems involved in caregiving for a husband or partner can be heart-wrenching, guilt-producing, and conflict-ridden, and often lead to health problems for the caregiver. Many emotions surface when a woman is carrying out this role with elderly parents and perhaps even more when caring for a husband or partner. Monitoring an institutionalized person's condition is arduous and advocating for the individual's needs is essential, since many are involved in caring for the patient. Medicaid, despite criticism leveled at it, does under certain conditions cover nursing home bills, but it doesn't adequately cover home care (nor does Medicare). Not all caregivers can afford to hire professional geriatric care managers and pay for other important needs of their parents.

A caregiver needs nerves of steel. Perhaps alumnae can form a support group like the one that exists for Barnard's faculty and staff.

*Aviva Cantor '61
New York, N.Y.*

A Good Time for All

In June I attended the excellent 60th class reunion. My grown son accompanied me and was very impressed by conversing with my fellow classmates and with Barnard students.

"If I had a daughter, I'd send her to Barnard," he said. (My sister, Elizabeth Davis Graf '52, and my daughter, Brooke Williams Durland '72, are both alumnae.)

Reunion was very well planned; we thank all who arranged it. I take great pride in being a graduate of Barnard.

*Mary Davis Williams '44
Dallas, Texas*

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Welcoming the Class of 2008

On the morning of Monday, Aug. 30, as Republican delegates lined up to enter Madison Square Garden and protesters lined Midtown blocks, a nonpartisan but equally resolute line formed four

miles uptown. More than 550 young women—accompanied by bulky possessions and teary-eyed family members—were waiting to enter the 117th Street gate and begin their lives as Barnard students.

This new group of students is an exceptional one, even at a school where scholastic excellence and all-around achievement have always been the norm. In 2004, we admitted only 27 percent of those who applied, down from 37 percent just five years ago. The students admitted this semester included 18 valedictorians, 11 salutatorians, 21 National Merit Semifinal-

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ists, 23 class or school presidents, 68 sports-team captains, and 23 editors-in-chief of their school paper or yearbook. One has published three articles in *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, and another was a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony. One first-year has already completed an internship at the U.S. Supreme Court, and another has been a columnist for the *Detroit News*. One was named 2000 Young Australian of the Year ... I could go on and on. Moreover, these outstanding young women are a very diverse group both geographically and ethnically, coming from 41 states and 22 countries.

The campus was especially lovely that first day, after a

summer of extensive painting and renovation. A thorough reconstruction had restored the Hewitt dining hall to its former glory, with careful attention paid to moldings, columns, lighting, and other historic architectural details. The removal of two balconies had resulted in a brighter, more grand and airy space, and two private dining rooms had been created for birthday parties, meetings, and other special events (see article on page 4).

Elsewhere on campus, the residence halls, classrooms, and administrative offices had all received attention during the summer, from the roofing down to the upholstery. An old storage area on the third-floor mezzanine of Barnard Hall had been transformed into offices for our architecture and art history faculty, and the education program's office space in Milbank Hall had also been completely renovated. Meanwhile, our architects had spent the summer months working on new conceptual design schemes for the Nexus, the future center for academic, cultural, and social life. And beyond the traditional campus, construction on Barnard's new residential building at 110th Street and Manhattan Avenue had proceeded on schedule. This rising structure sits on the first piece of real estate obtained by the College since 1980 (when an apartment building on Claremont Avenue was purchased and remade into the student residence



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THROUGH THE GATES

Hewitt Gets an “Extreme Makeover”

Renovations to student dining room recreate its turn-of-the-century design

When students returned to campus this fall, they might have noticed a few changes as they sat down to eat. The ceiling in the dining room in Hewitt Hall seemed a little higher and somehow the dining hall looked, well, grander.

That’s because the dining room received an overhaul during the summer in the first of two stages of renovations by the New Jersey firm Nadaskay Kopelson Architects. In an effort to restore the hall to its original turn-of-the-century design, the steel mezzanines were removed to honor the original intent of the space. Sixteen custom-made, 40-inch-wide chandeliers were hung and 10 wall sconces were mounted, all with dimming features to provide the hall with ambiance. Two smaller dining rooms were created, each able to serve 10 to 12, which students can reserve for special events such as birthday celebrations or family visits. In addition, major infrastructure repairs to mechanical and plumbing systems, including critical waterproofing repairs, were completed.

“The changes were part of the residential master plan, which includes systematic renovation of the College’s student residences,” says Lisa Gamsu, vice president for administration, and overseer of the two-stage project.

During the second stage of the renovation project next summer, Gamsu says, a kosher kitchen will be built to provide fresh kosher food on campus (currently, the College purchases already prepared kosher food). The tables, chairs, and carpeting will also be replaced. These changes will coincide with the servery being redesigned to include kosher food serving areas.

“The kosher kitchen, which is largely supported by an anonymous gift from an alumna and her husband, is a significant undertaking for the College,” Gamsu says. “Food services at Barnard already have received high marks from our students. These changes will simply enhance the dining experience.”

—Jo Kadlecek



Top: The renovated ceilings in Hewitt Dining Room. Bottom: Students dine below custom-made 40-inch-wide chandeliers.

Reclaiming a Lost Treasure

Architectural conservators uncover the key to restoring the elegance of the Ella Weed Room

Standing in the Ella Weed Room in Milbank Hall, Mary Jablonski thought something was wrong. The ornate glass mosaic mantelpiece designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany's company in 1897 was surrounded by white walls and a plaster ceiling.

Where was the rest of the room?

"That mantel is an absolute masterpiece. Tiffany could not have designed that mantle for a white wall," says Jablonski, principal of Jablonski Berkowitz Conservation, Inc., who knew from archival photographs that there had once been a decorative ceiling, wood moldings, and leather wainscoting with wooden trim in the room.

Last January, Jablonski, along with Jennifer Cappeto, architectural conservator at Jablonski Berkowitz Conservation, Inc.; Andrew Dolkart, James Marston Fitch Chair/

Associate Professor of Historic Preservation at Columbia University School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; and Scott Duenow, AIA, senior associate at Platt Byard Dovell White Architects, entered the Ella Weed Room to search for evidence like old paint chips that would enable Barnard's first library to be restored to its original elegance.

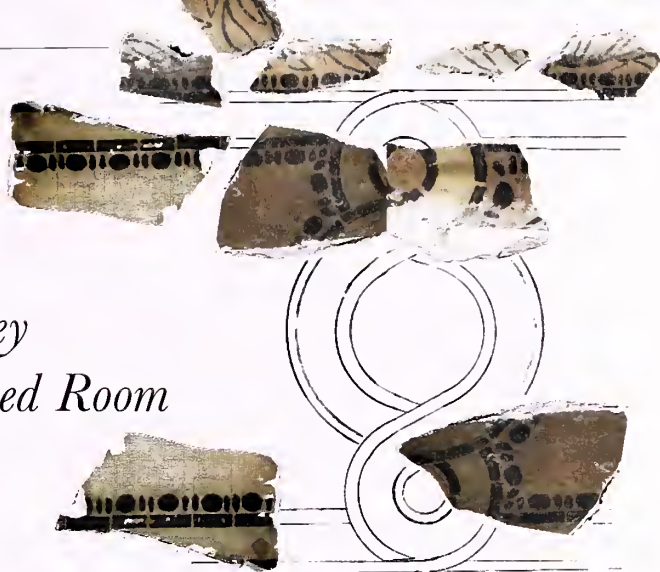
The group's investigation of the Ella Weed Room was part of the historic preservation master plan—funded by a \$220,000 campus heritage grant from the Getty Grant Program—that was prepared in the summer by Dolkart and Paul Byard, a partner of Platt Byard Dovell White Architects (see *Barnard* cover story, "Reviving Faded Glory," Fall 2003, www.barnard.edu/alum/magazine/pastissues/).

As the group inspected the room and looked for remnants of the original décor, "one of us noticed metal doors that were there to access the radiators," Jablonski says. They opened up one of the doors and, tapping their hands along the bottom, discovered pieces of the original ceiling that had been left behind by the crew that demolished it.

The debris revealed that the ceiling had been decorated with a sophisticated stencil with copper flakes suspended in a glaze, not the ornamental plaster it appears to be in photographs. Jablonski was elated that, "we were able to determine the original colors of the finishes," so a replica of the oil-based paint could be made using products on the market today. The color of the plaster grout on the Tiffany mantelpiece can also be replicated, and it will be possible to secure the fragile glass pieces—many of which are falling out, and some of which have been lost over the years—to prevent further deterioration.

President Judith Shapiro notes of these discoveries, "We are thrilled to have uncovered this 'Rosetta stone' to an important part of Barnard's architectural history. Now we are hoping that someone who values our heritage will step forward with a significant gift and be a part of the ongoing story." For information about supporting this effort, contact the Office of Development at 212-854-2001.

—Amy Debra Feldman



Remembering “The Fantasticks”

New documentary on musical that had its debut at Minor Latham Playhouse



The Sullivan Street Playhouse

When “The Fantasticks” made its debut Aug. 4, 1959, at the Minor Latham Playhouse in Milbank Hall, it was a one-act musical whose creators—Tom Jones (lyrics and book) and Harvey Schmidt (music)—had modest hopes for its future.

Were they ever wrong.

“What I saw at Barnard had great acting, great theatricality,” the late Lore Noto, the show’s longtime producer, said in “Try To Remember: The Fantasticks,” a documentary directed by Eli Kabillio that will be released on DVD and video in November. “If you could catch the spirit of ‘The Fantasticks,’ it’s in that opening number, with the squares of paper catching the light,” said Noto, who also performed one of the father’s roles in the musical.

“The Fantasticks,” based on Edmond Rostand’s play “Les Romanesques,” both mocks and celebrates first love, innocence, and illusion, and what it means to grow up. Despite mediocre reviews, this charming fable became the longest-running musical in the world, with more than 10,000 productions in the United States and 80 other countries. During its record-breaking 42-year run at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in Greenwich Village, it outlasted the terms of eight American presidents. Various productions of the show gave professional starts to future stars like F. Murray Abraham, Glenn Close, Harrison

Ford, Liza Minnelli, and Jerry Orbach.

Kabillio sought to capture the musical’s ineffable spirit through archival footage, interviews with the creators, performers, and fans, and scenes from its last performance. “I wanted to make a documentary about a part of life that was ending,” he says.

As Denny Partridge, Alice Brady Pels ’21 Professor of Theatre, said in the documentary, “It was part of the *avant garde* of the 1950s. It was minimalist, but there was an epic quality in its experimentation with music and character. At the time, there weren’t plays like that, or minimalist musicals like that that held audiences’ attention.”

Distributed by Zeitgeist Films, the documentary had a short run last summer at the Walter Reade Theater in Manhattan and was shown on Sept. 18 by Barnard’s theatre department in the Columbia 250 community festival. The Barnard screening was followed by a Q&A with Kabillio that was moderated by Shawn-Marie Garrett, assistant professor of theatre.

—Merri Rosenberg ’78

POWERFUL VOTES

President Judith Shapiro talks with actor Drew Barrymore at a preview screening at Barnard of Barrymore’s documentary about voter apathy, “The Best Place to Start.” In making the 44-minute film, Barrymore traveled with journalists on the press bus during last winter’s Democratic primary elections in New Hampshire and other states, interviewing candidates and political leaders on the causes of low voter turnout. She also interviewed activists for voter registration for young people, including First Vote, the Hip Hop Summit, and punkvoter.com. Barnard’s civic engagement program teamed with *Self* (whose executive editor is Dana Points ’88) and MTV’s “Choose or Lose 2004” campaign to screen the film, which aired on MTV in September.



MAKING SENSE OF DOLLARS AND CENTS

Program teaches students about credit, debt, and spending wisely

Recognizing that Barnard women need to be as adept in managing their personal finances as they are at writing papers and performing rigorous intellectual analysis, the College launched a financial fluency program to help students navigate the sometimes tricky shoals of managing credit and credit cards and renting that first apartment.

Trustee Laird Grant Groody '67, who is underwriting the program, says it's important for students, while they're at Barnard, to understand how to budget and use credit wisely. "We need to focus on practical as well as intellectual education," she says.

Run by the Office of Career Development, the program "seems like a natural extension of what we do in our office when

we talk to students about the different earning possibilities of various jobs and different careers," says Jane Celwyn, OCD director. "Students are also doing long-term thinking of how they'll manage their lives, and are sometimes interested in issues like benefits and retirement."

About 100 students signed up for the first set of 90-minute workshops taught last spring by program director Linda Chang Reals '92. Topics included balancing a checkbook, the basics of banking, taxes, insurance, and savings plans, and ways to protect yourself from identity theft.

Living in New York, students often need guidance on managing their money—balancing how much they want to spend with how much they can afford to spend. Through

the program, "students learn to develop a budget, and hopefully stick to it," says Reals, an economics major who previously worked in banking and Time Inc.'s university relations department. "We also cover how to have fun in New York without going broke," adds Reals, who presents workshops during Orientation, in the residence halls, and through the mini-course program offered by the Office of College Activities. She also conducts individual counseling sessions to help students with their budgets.

For information on programs on financial issues sponsored by the careers committee of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College, call 212-854-2005 or send e-mail to alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu.

—Merri Rosenberg '78

Promoting Women's Education Worldwide

Institutions often reflect the culture of women in their country

Empowering women to reach their potential has long been the cornerstone of a Barnard education. To further that mission, Barnard was one of nearly 30 international colleges and universities invited to attend a three-day conference in June entitled "Women's Education Worldwide 2004: The Unfinished Agenda."

Sponsored by Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges, the conference presented an opportunity for women's institutions to collaborate, exchange information, and promote education for girls and women around the world. Keynote speakers included Amartya Sen, Lamont University Professor at Harvard University and winner of a Nobel Prize in economics, and Sheila E. Widnall, institute professor and professor of aeronautics and astronautics at

Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Provost Elizabeth Boylan, who attended the conference, says she was struck by the "amazing variety" of cultures and educational systems represented by her counterparts from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and the Middle East. She found common ground when it came to a shared desire to encourage higher education for women—particularly in disciplines such as science and engineering, in which men continue to outnumber women.

"Anywhere women have been historically underrepresented, women's colleges have been able to supply the knowledge and strategy needed to achieve career success," Boylan says. In the United States, women leaders have come disproportionately from colleges that are single-sex institutions, she adds.

Despite the success of women's colleges in America, however, Boylan says providing educational opportunities for women worldwide is an "immense challenge," and there isn't one solution that can meet the complex needs of such a wide range of populations. "The biggest thing I learned is that women's colleges in the rest of the world are so diverse, each responding to, and embedded in, the culture of women in their country," she says.

Yet it's the strength of many diverse voices joined together that Boylan believes can result in furthering educational opportunities for women, providing a positive rippling effect on their countries' social and economic conditions.

—Juli Steadman Charles '88

New Faculty Have Diverse Backgrounds

Incoming scholars research everything from Arab theories of imperialism to women and HIV/AIDS

Joining the faculty this fall are five tenure-track assistant professors and one associate who's eligible for a continuing appointment. "I am very pleased at the outcomes of the successful searches that departments ran this year," says Provost Elizabeth Boylan. "A great deal is at stake, both for the College and the candidate, when an offer is made and accepted. There is every indication that these new faculty will add to Barnard's distinction and distinctiveness." Here's a look at the new faculty members and their work:

EDUCATION

Maria S. Rivera Maulucci '89, assistant professor of education, has taught at Teachers College and PS 3-Raul Julia Micro Society School in the Bronx. She served as director of the Region 1 Science and Technology Center for the Learning Support Center, also in the Bronx, and as director of urban forestry for the Environmental Action Coalition in New York. B.A., Barnard College; M.E.S., Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies; Ph.D., forthcoming, Teachers College, Columbia University.



ENGLISH

Bashir Abu-Manneh, assistant professor of English, wrote his thesis on fiction of the new statesman from 1913 through 1939. Last year he received a Ford Foundation postdoctoral fellowship to research Arab theories of imperialism at the Center for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University and was a postdoctoral Fulbright Visiting Scholar researching Palestinian liberation theory from 2002 through 2003 at the Center for Comparative Literature and Society and Columbia's department of English and comparative literature. Having taught at Columbia and Wadham College (part of the University of Oxford), Abu-Manneh will teach courses in global literature and Arab and Israeli literatures. B.A., University of Haifa; D. Phil., University of Oxford.

HISTORY

Nara Milanich, assistant professor of history, has taught at the University of California, Davis; Northern Illinois University; and Yale University. The author of several articles and essays, Milanich has received many fellowships, honors, and awards, including the Yale University Arthur and Mary Wright Prize for best dissertation on a non-U.S., non-European topic; a Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities; an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship; and a Fulbright award to conduct research in Santiago, Chile. Her dissertation, entitled "The

Children of Fate: Families, Class and the State in Chile, 1857-1930," is being published by Duke University Press. Milanich's fields of teaching and research include modern and colonial Latin American history, historical theory and method, and comparative family and gender history (Europe, Latin America, and the United States). She will teach courses on global family history and women and gender in Latin America. B.A., Brown University; Ph.D., Yale University.

Carl Wennerlind, assistant professor of history, has taught previously at Barnard as well as The University of Texas at Austin and Elon College. His dissertation was entitled "The Historical Specificity of Scarcity: Historical and Political Investigations." Wennerlind is the author of several articles and essays in *Capital and Class*, *History of Political Economy*, and the *Journal of Political Economy*. He co-edited with Margaret Schabas *Essays on David Hume's Political Economy*, forthcoming in 2005 from Routledge Press. He's working on two books: *David Hume's Political Economy and Money, Magic, and Death: Histories of the Financial Revolution*. At Barnard he will teach courses in European intellectual history and the history of political economy. B.A., University of South Florida; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Lisa Northrop '95, associate in physical education, has worked at Barnard as a part-time associate in the department since 2001 and has also served as the coordinator of the fitness and lifetime exercise program. She has worked at Columbia University as a personal trainer, facility supervisor, and teaching associate. B.A., Barnard College; M.A., Teachers College.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Rebecca Young, assistant professor of women's studies, received the Marisa de Castro Benton Prize for Outstanding Dissertation in the Sociomedical Sciences for her dissertation, "Sexing the Brain: Measurement and Meaning in Biological Research on Human Sexuality." She has published numerous papers on women and HIV, sexuality education, tuberculosis, and bioterrorism, and holds a major grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse of the National Institutes of Health for research on female drug users. At Barnard, she will teach courses on women and health, women and science, and her own specialization, women and HIV/AIDS. She is working on a book on gender and HIV/AIDS. B.A., Bryn Mawr College; Ph.D., Columbia University.

For the complete list of new faculty, including term assistant professors, visiting professors, and Mellon postdoctoral fellows, go to www.barnard.edu/provost/newfacbios.html.

—*Compiled and written by Merryl Reichbach, academic coordinator, Office of the Provost and Dean of the Faculty*

MEET THE OLYMPIANS

Summer Games athletes represent Barnard in rowing, fencing competitions



Stacey Borgman '98 and Erin Smart '02

While waiting at the Athens airport after representing the United States in the lightweight double sculls at the 2004 Olympic Games, Stacey Borgman '98 saw a familiar sight: a Barnard T-shirt. She was soon swapping stories with its wearer, Erin Smart '02, a member of the U.S. Olympic Fencing Team.

Smart, a history major, began fencing at 11 with the help of a foundation that supports minority fencers. A three-time National Champion, the Brooklyn, N.Y., native was disappointed to finish 17th, but still loves the sport that keeps her "always thinking and always on my toes." While preparing for a return in 2008, she plans to work as an internal wholesaler for a financial management firm.

Borgman, a native of Homer, Alaska, began rowing for the first time at Barnard at

her mother's urging. Picked by NBC as a "Kleenex Moment of the Day" after a dramatic fourth-place finals finish, Borgman says she and her partner "raced the race of our lives, so we can't be disappointed in that." A double major in political science and Italian literature at Barnard, she's one semester shy of completing her law degree at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Two other alumnae have Olympic ties: Nancy Ketcham Lagomarsino '80 qualified for the archery trials of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team, and Robin Wagner '80, who skated competitively up to the national level, coached figure skater Sarah Hughes. Wagner, who's now coaching Olympic hopeful Sasha Cohen, says watching Hughes capture the gold medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City "was extraordinary. I was honored and proud."

The first Barnard Olympic attendee has yet to earn her degree: The Torchbearer statue was exhibited at the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam—the first in which women were allowed to compete in track and field events.

—*Ilana Stanger-Ross '98*

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YOU'LL BE LIVING IN...



Members of the Class of 2008 learned which residence hall they'll be living in and much more when they arrived on campus for Orientation.



VOICES IN THE NEWS

"I remember them always pushing me to perform, encouraging me to shine. Teachers are a very large part of kids discovering their talent."

—Christy Carlson Romano '06, who played Belle in the Broadway musical "Beauty the Beast," on the support she received from others to pursue an acting and singing career (Connecticut Post, Feb. 23, 2004).



WEB-EXCLUSIVE

"I was scared witless," Anna Quindlen '74, chair of Barnard's board of trustees, told the Class of 2008 about her first day at Barnard. "Suddenly I was not the smartest girl in the room. ... Suddenly I was in the greatest city on earth. If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere. What if I didn't make it? What had I done? What was I thinking? Where was I?" Read the full text of her remarks at Convocation at www.barnard.edu/newnews/news090804c.html. President Judith Shapiro's remarks can be found at www.barnard.edu/newnews/news090804b.html.

Barnard CALENDAR

"Election Reflections: How Hollywood and the Media Impacted the 2004 Elections," Nov. 13, Los Angeles. \$40 (free for members of The President's Circle, The Dean's Circle, or The Athena Society). Reservations: Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005, alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu.

"The Naked Truth of Women in the Business World," Nov. 15, 7 p.m. Columnist and author Margaret Heffernan. For information: Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005, alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu.

"Dynamics of the Nervous System: It's Got a Beat You Can Think To," Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Talk by Nancy Koppell sponsored by The Roslyn Silver '27 Science Lecture-ship. Altschul Atrium, Altschul Hall.

"The Happy Prince," Nov. 18, 6 p.m.; Nov. 19 and 20, 8 p.m. Barnard and Columbia students perform in Oscar Wilde's play. \$5 (\$3 for seniors or with CUID). Reservations: 212-854-5638. Minor Latham Playhouse.

Barnard Dances at Miller, Nov. 18, 19, and 20, 8 p.m. \$15 (\$6 for seniors or with CUID). Barnard and Columbia students perform at Miller Theatre, Columbia University.

Interventions Book Party, Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Meet co-editors Elizabeth A. Castelli, associate professor of religion, and Janet R. Jakobsen, director, Barnard Center for Research on Women. Barnard Center for Research on Women, 101 Barnard Hall.

"The Workplace Environment for Women in the Academy: Strategies for Responding to 'Post-Civil Rights Era' Gender Discrimination," Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Virginia C. Gildersleeve Colloquium with Nancy Hopkins, Claude Steele, and Virginia Valian. Julius S. Held Lecture Hall, third floor of Barnard Hall.

Winter Dances at Minor Latham Playhouse, Dec. 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m. Group and solo performances by Barnard and Columbia students. Minor Latham Playhouse, Barnard Hall.

Columbia Candelight Concerts, Dec. 10 and 11, 8 p.m. The Barnard-Columbia Chorus performs at St. Paul's Chapel. \$10 (\$5 for seniors or with CUID). Tickets available at the door or after Nov. 15 from Miller Theatre box office, 212-854-7799.

"Child of Empire: Racializing Subjects in Post-World War II Britain," Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Hazel Carby participates in the "Writing Black Lives" series. Sulzberger Parlor, third floor of Barnard Hall.

Browse the online calendar at www.barnard.edu.

With God on Their Side

Randall Balmer's class on religion and the civil rights movement

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Science gives man knowledge, which is power; religion gives man wisdom, which is control." Religion, which inspired many leaders of the civil rights movement, is the focus of Professor of Religion Randall Balmer's course, "Religion & the Civil Rights Movement" (REL V3650x).

"I don't think you can fully understand the movement without taking into account the thought of Howard Thurman or the theology of the social gospel, both of which were enormously influential on Martin Luther King Jr.," Balmer says. He developed the course because of the lack of scholarly attention to the connection between religion and the struggle for civil rights, as well as what he calls a distressing lack of knowledge among students about the movement.

Through lectures Balmer gives students a historical context for the movement, including slavery and the rise of Jim Crow laws and the Ku Klux Klan. In addition to the assigned texts, the students use the award-winning PBS series "Eyes on the Prize" to examine the influence of religion, not only on King and his revival of the social gospel, but also on other prominent leaders of the day, like Malcolm X and his work with the Nation of Islam, and on other African-American movements, like the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

A field trip to the Abyssinian Church in Harlem, where, as pastor,

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Michael Escoffery, "400 Years of Our People," 1994-1995. Mixed media.

SELECTED READINGS

Civil Rights Since 1787: A Reader on the Black Struggle
edited by Jonathan Birnbaum and Clarence Taylor
(New York University Press, 2002)

Scottsboro: A Tragedy of the American South
by Dan T. Carter (Louisiana State University Press, 1979)

Remembering Jim Crow: African Americans Tell About Life in the Segregated South
by William H. Chafe, Raymond Gavins, Robert Korstad, Behind the Veil Project
(New Press, 2003)

Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the

Southern Christian Leadership Conference
by David J. Garrow (Harper-Collins Perennial, 1999)

God's Long Summer: Stories of Faith and Civil Rights
by Charles Marsh (Princeton University Press, 1999)

Jesus and the Disinherited
by Howard Thurman
(Beacon Press, 1996)

Islam in the African-American Experience
(second edition)
by Richard Brent Turner
(Indiana University Press, 2003)

Six Myths about Barnard's Budget

Is the endowment big or small? Does Columbia help foot the bills?

Sorting out fact from fiction.

MYTH # 1: When my family makes a contribution to Columbia, Barnard gets a share of the gift.

According to a recent online survey, 12 percent of alumnae believe that their partners' gifts to Columbia benefit Barnard. Nothing could be further from the truth. Barnard is an independent college in every sense—academically, institutionally, and financially. Both schools maintain their own faculty, staff, and operating budget; and fund-raising campaigns at both institutions are, for the most part, mutually exclusive. In addition, Barnard must pay for its affiliation with Columbia: a portion of the annual budget is remitted to the university to give students access to Columbia's courses, libraries, facilities, and programs.

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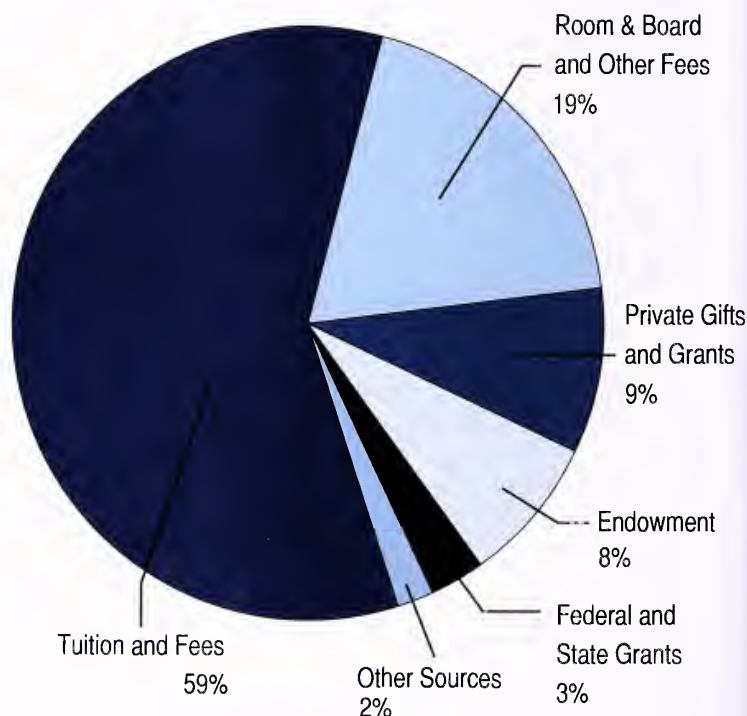
Its special relationship with Columbia makes Barnard unique among women's colleges. Students experience the personal attention and intellectual rigor

of a liberal arts college committed to the advancement of women, along with the impressive resources of an Ivy League university. The partnership benefits Columbia undergraduates as well, giving them the opportunity to take courses taught by Barnard's celebrated professors, for example. In fact, more Columbia students took advantage of cross-campus registration privileges last year than did Barnard students.

MYTH # 2: Gifts to The Barnard Fund are invested in the endowment.

The endowment and The Barnard Fund are separate and distinct, but equally important to the College's financial health. The endowment serves as Barnard's "savings account," money that is invested rather than spent outright, generating annual income that is channeled into the operating budget. Named leadership gifts of \$50,000 or more—endowed scholarships, faculty research funds, professorships, fellowship programs, and internship funds—are invested in a diversified portfolio of stock, bond, real estate, and venture capital instruments. Revenue from the endowment is used for student support, faculty salaries, and the many other expenses involved in producing a first-class education. However, at its current size the endowment provides only 8 percent of the annual operating budget. Other colleges can rely on their endowments for 19 percent or more.

Sources of Revenue



Because of its relatively small endowment, Barnard is acutely dependent on The Barnard Fund, which seeks annual contributions from alumnae, parents, and friends for the College's most pressing needs. The Fund is similar to a "checking account," consisting of unrestricted money that can be used immediately to cover costs like financial aid, research funding for professors, library and lab technology, and building-and-grounds upkeep.

MYTH # 3: Barnard has a large endowment, equal to or exceeding those of similar colleges.

This misconception stems, perhaps, from the College's long history with the comparably wealthy Columbia. But just as Columbia's fund-raising efforts benefit the university alone, so does its endowment. Unlike Columbia and many of our peer colleges, Barnard was

established without the benefit of a large startup fund, and therefore depended almost exclusively on current-use gifts for much of its early history. Generous alumnae, parents, and friends have been instrumental in building Barnard's

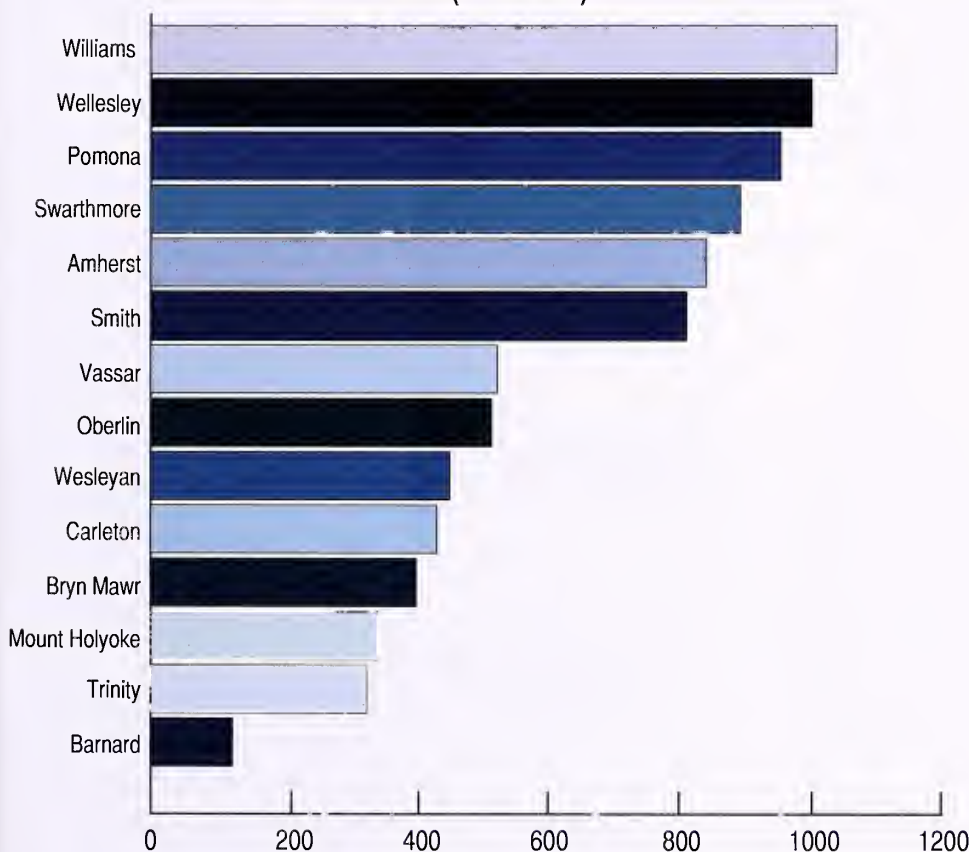
endowment in recent years. Over the past decade, hundreds of leadership gifts, bequests, and planned gifts made by loyal supporters have more than doubled the endowment, which is currently valued at \$145.8 million. This collective investment

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is tangible proof of donors' confidence in the College's mission, its extraordinary students, and its dedicated teacher/scholars.

In comparison to many of its peer colleges, however, Barnard's endowment is quite modest. Our well-endowed competitors include Wellesley, Swarthmore, Smith, and Vassar, among others (see chart at left). Despite this vast difference in financial resources, Barnard is today the most selective independent women's college in the nation—an incredible achievement that is a testament to the College's prestigious history and continued excellence. But the endowment and annual giving to The Barnard Fund must increase significantly for the College to not only maintain this distinction, but also move ahead with bold new programs and initiatives.

**Endowments at Four-Year Liberal Arts Colleges
(in millions)**



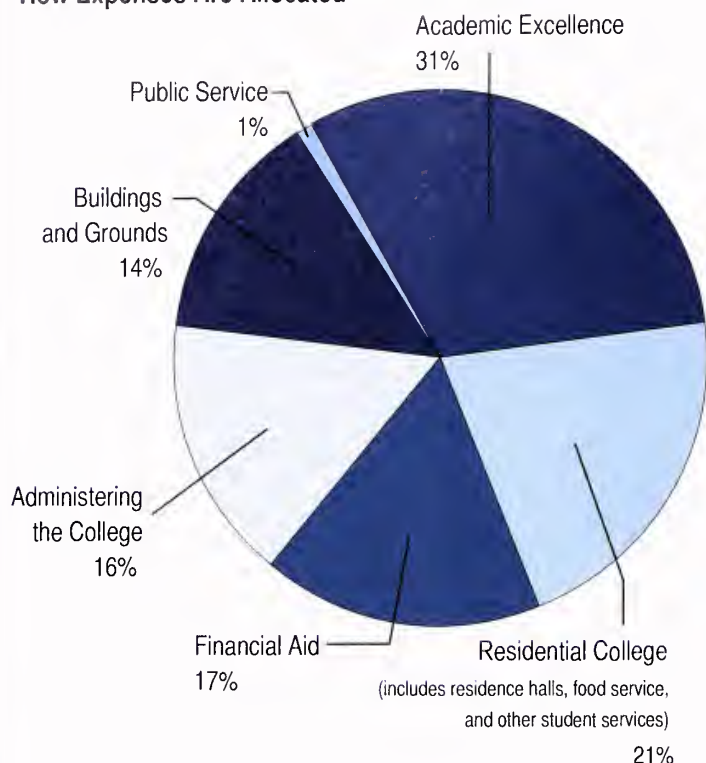
Source: TIAA-CREF's 2003 NACUBO Endowment Study

MYTH # 4: Most alumnae who value their Barnard education express their support through giving.

Although the vast majority of graduates are proud to be Barnard women, only 1 in 3 give back to the College. According to our online survey, 99 percent of alumnae tell others they went to Barnard, and two-thirds say they do so on a regular basis. Despite this pride, last year only 36 percent of alumnae made a gift to The Barnard Fund. The percentage of alumnae who give to the College is increasing, but participation rates at similar colleges are much higher. Williams (60 percent), Wellesley (54 percent), and Smith (43 percent) are prime examples.

It is generally believed that alumnae/i giving is an indicator of graduates' satisfaction with their alma mater. That is why this statistic is considered in annual rankings of colleges by major magazines and publications. Schools with higher percentages receive higher rankings. So when an alumna gives to The Barnard Fund, she provides critical support for the College's immediate needs, while making a statement about the value of her education.

How Expenses Are Allocated



MYTH # 5: A student whose family pays full tuition is covering the total cost of her education.

The many advantages of a Barnard education—small classes, a superior faculty, hands-on research and learning opportunities, and much more—are expensive. Tuition and fees at Barnard for the 2004-05 academic year total \$28,340, not including room and board, which add another \$10,152 to \$11,602. While lower or the same as those at peer colleges with greater financial resources, these costs nevertheless constitute an enormous investment for a family. This is why more than half of today's students require financial aid.

But even families who pay full tuition are not covering the full cost. This year, the total cost per student, including expenses for instruction, research, facilities, student services, and institutional support, is 30 percent more than tuition and fees. In effect, every student receives a "silent scholarship" in excess of \$11,000, whether or not she qualified for financial aid. Generous gifts from alumnae, parents, and friends help underwrite these silent scholarships, keeping Barnard accessible to every promising woman who wants to attend.

MYTH # 6: I can only afford a small gift—it won't make a difference.

Every gift, no matter the size, has an immediate and tangible impact. Gifts to The Barnard Fund literally keep the lights on at the College. They also finance scholarships for students, research support for junior and senior faculty, improvements to classrooms and residence halls, cutting-edge technology, and library materials and equipment. The old adage "there is strength in numbers" is particularly apt here. Last year, more than 10,000 individuals made a gift to The Barnard Fund, ranging from \$1 to \$102,033, for a total of \$4.8 million. Without an annual investment of this size, Barnard would not be able to offer the kind of education that our alumnae value and that today's students deserve.

To put that \$4.8 million from The Barnard Fund in perspective, it would take more than \$96 million in new endowment to generate that much annual income for the College. That \$4.8 million is equal to nearly one-third of the College's financial aid budget. That \$4.8 million would also underwrite the salaries of 62 full-time professors. Clearly, generous contributions from alumnae, parents, and friends play a crucial role in Barnard's ongoing operations. *Every* gift makes a difference.

For more about Barnard's finances, the endowment, and The Barnard Fund, visit www.barnard.edu/giving.

—Amy E. Hughes

The Accidental Playwright

It started with tears. They belonged to an elderly Italian woman from the Bronx and were elicited by a monologue, written by Julia Jordan '89, and delivered by Jordan's friend at a small theater in the Bronx.

It was the first time Jordan had seen her work performed, and the way her writing had moved this woman was a signpost.

After graduating from Barnard with a degree in English, Jordan worked as a waitress and attended acting school, where her class was asked to write monologues from personal experiences. Being a private person, Jordan says, "I decided to make mine up and it went well." Friends asked to borrow it for auditions, but since they were auditioning for the same roles as Jordan, she wrote more monologues for them.

But it took the tears, plus years of dabbling in art, photography, and acting for Jordan to understand what she was born to do. After the Bronx performance, the newly minted playwright enrolled at The Juilliard School. She began winning awards and seeing her pieces workshopped.

But no one offered to produce her plays. Discouraged, Jordan took a three-year hiatus. Then in the summer of 2003, she was commissioned by a New York production company to adapt the children's book *Sarah, Plain and Tall* into a musical with the composer of "Bat Boy," Laurence O'Keefe. The show played the Lucille Lortel Theater and now tours the country. Her next adaptation, of the children's book *Summer of the Swans*, also played the Lortel and continues to tour. The production of two plays she had written at Juilliard soon followed: "St. Scarlet," a romantic comedy, and "Tatjana in Color," a frank sexual drama based on the true story of artist Egon Schiele and his under-aged model. Last spring, saw her most recent play, "Boy," hit the stage.

Jordan views her writing as therapy, in that an issue she's dealing with will become the root of the story. For example her new play, "Dark Yellow," is about trust. But, she says, "The author's point of view doesn't become clear to me until I step back. Sort of like while you're painting, and you're too close to the canvas."

If the playwright had another great ambition, it would be teaching. "I really want to teach at Barnard," she says. "I write mostly about girls that age. I just dig them."



After a few miscues, playwright Julia Jordan finally found her calling.

BOOKS, ETC.

FICTION

Peyton Amberg

by Tama Janowitz '77
St. Martin's Griffin, 2004, \$13.95

Wave

by Victoria Stewart '92
Playscripts, 2004, \$5.95

Distant Constellations

by Adrienne Wolfert (Lobovits) '45
iUniverse, Inc., 2004, \$11.95

DISTANT CONSTELLATIONS

Modern stories based on the myths of ancient Greece,
as told from the feminine viewpoint



POETRY

To Genesis

by Lois Adams (Coover) '75, Barbara Elovic '75, Patricia Markert, and Constance Norgren
5 Spice Press, 2004, \$10

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The Babies

by Sabrina Orah Mark '97
Saturnalia Books, 2003

Wake-Up Calls:

66 Morning Poems
by Wanda Phipps '83
Soft Skull Press, 2004, \$13.95



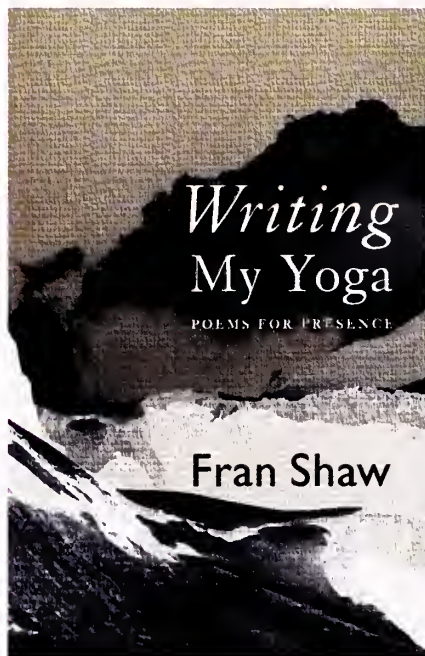
WAKE-UP CALLS

66 MORNING POEMS BY Wanda Phipps



Writing My Yoga: Poems for Presence

by Francine (Weber) Shaw '69
Indications Press, 2004, \$12



Menage a Trois With the 21st Century

by Eileen Tabios '82
xPress(ed), 2004, \$13.95

GENERAL NONFICTION

Shafts of Light: Selected Teachings of Swami Ashokananda for Spiritual Practice

compiled and edited by Sister Gargi and Shelley Brown '58
Kalpa Tree Press, 2004, \$12.95



Going Global

by Marc Lindenberg and Coralie (Marcus) Bryant '59
Kumarian Press, 2001, \$25.95

In Passionate Pursuit

by Alessandra Comini '56
Braziller George Inc., 2004, \$22.50

The Financial Services Marketing Handbook: Tactics and Techniques That Produce Results

by Evelyn Ehrlich '72 and Duke Fanelli
Bloomberg Press, 2004, \$39.95

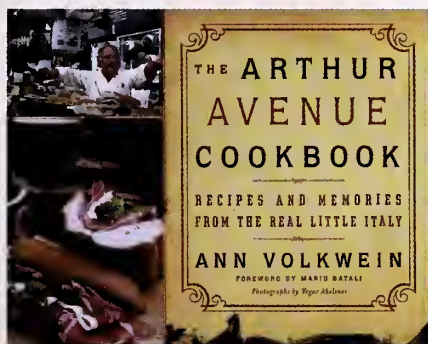
The W Effect: Bush's War on Women
edited by Laura Flanders '85
Feminist Press, 2004, \$15.95

Area Code 212
by Tama Janowitz '77
St. Martin's Griffin, 2004, \$24.95

East Asia Integrates: A Trade Policy for Shared Growth
edited by Kathie Krumm '71
and Homi Kharas
Oxford University Press, 2004, \$30

Virginia Hasn't Always Been for Lovers: Interracial Marriage Bans and the Case of Richard and Mildred Loving
by Phyllis Newbeck '83
Southern Illinois University, 2004, \$29.50

The Arthur Avenue Cookbook: Recipes and Memories from the Real Little Italy
by Ann Volkwein '94
HarperCollins, 2004, \$34.95



Selected Letters of John Jay and Sarah Livingston Jay
compiled and edited by Landa M. Freeman, Louise V. (Hunningher) North '62, and Janet M. (Pawlowski) Wedge '52
McFarland & Company, 2004, \$75

Childe Hassam, American Impressionist
by H. Barbara Kallman Weinberg '62
Yale University Press, 2004, \$65

Raising Kids for Fun and...Profit???
by Helen Ginandes Weiss '53 and Martin S. Weiss
Self-published, 2003, \$21
Contact eduworks@chafee.net

FACULTY CDs

Orpheus of Amsterdam: Sweelinck and His Circle
performed by Gail Archer, senior lecturer in music and director of the Barnard-Columbia chorus
Cala Records, 2004

FACULTY BOOKS

Life After Death: A History of the Afterlife in Western Religion
by Alan Segal, professor of religion and Ingeborg Rennert Professor of Judaic Studies
Doubleday, 2004, \$37.50

CDs AND PERFORMANCES

Soul On Fire
by Jenny Bruce '91
Goodgirl Records, 2001, \$15
Available at www.cdbaby.com



Martha Stewart Baby: Sleepytime Collection
Martha Stewart '63, including a song by Jenny Bruce '91
Rhino Records, 2001, \$11.98

voICE
an interdisciplinary performance with music composed and performed by Garrett Fisher, choreography by A.C. Petersen, and ice masks by Louise (Heublein) McCagg '59
A.I.R. Gallery, New York
Sept. 16, 17, 18

Bubblebee: Songs for the Young at Heart
lyrics and some music by Gloria (Richman) Rinderman '56 and Richard Rinderman
Rymar Publishing Company, 2004, \$12

FILM AND TELEVISION

Siberian Dream
film edited by Jessica Weiner '92
producer Janet Gardner, co-producer Irina Pantaeva, 2004

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"Under her spell, I have fallen in love with literature all over again,"

Kineret Fischer '06 wrote in her essay nominating Margaret Vandenburg, senior lecturer in the English department and director of First-Year English, for the 2004 Emily Gregory Award for Excellence in Teaching.

When Fischer was assigned as a first-year student to be one of Vandenburg's advisees, she didn't know what to expect. Over the three years that followed, the two had conversations—both inside and outside the classroom—that influenced and inspired Fischer so much that she nominated her professor for the Emily Gregory Award. The award, named after Emily Lovira Gregory, a botanist who was Barnard's first female professor, has been given out annually since 1974 to honor an outstanding faculty member for excellence in teaching and for devotion and service to the students of the College.

Essays by students about their favorite professors are reviewed by the student/faculty committee of the McIntosh Activities Council in conjunction with the Alumnae Association of Barnard College and the Office of College Activities; Provost Elizabeth Boylan reviews the final decision. Vandenburg, who was chosen to receive the award

this year, was recognized at a dinner in April, during which Fischer read her essay.

Barnard has a second prestigious award for faculty: the Gladys Brooks Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award, which is given out annually to recognize individual achievements of junior faculty members. Two professors received it in 2004: Paul Currie in psychology and Sharon Harrison in economics. Winners are selected by the president's advisory committee on appointments, tenure, and promotion—along with Dean of Studies Karen Blank—based on nominations from department chairs and consideration of nominees' advising experience.



**Mesmerized by
Brains: Paul Currie**

Paul Currie, an assistant professor of psychology and one of this year's two winners of the Gladys Brooks Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award, was attracted to Barnard in 1998 in part



due to the strong emphasis on undergraduate teaching and research in the psychology department. In addition, Barnard is one of the few undergraduate institutions in North America that offers a lab as part of its course in behavioral neuroscience. The lab allows students to integrate anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and behavior, he says.

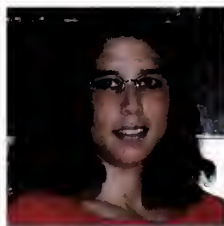
Currie, whose research focuses on brain function and ingestive behavior, says he enjoys supervising students in his lab. "It's exciting to observe their enthusiasm as they roll up their sleeves and become actively involved in ongoing research. At the same time they develop laboratory skills in stereotaxic surgery, microinjections, and histology, to name a few," he says.

"The best thing about Professor Currie is that he's very accessible and very approachable," says Aaisha Mirza '04, a neuroscience and behavior major. "He's a great professor and a very good friend."

Mirza, who took Currie's lab and independent research classes, worked as his lab research assistant for two years. During her second year in the lab, she had an internship through the Hughes Science Pipeline Project, a multifaceted program sponsored by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in partnership with the College to encourage careers in the sciences. Currie also advised her on her senior thesis, which looked at the effects of the hormone ghrelin on appetitive behavior related to metabolism and food intake.

Christina D. Coiro '03, who majored in neuroscience and behavior, also took Currie's lab classes and worked in his lab (including a summer internship after her sophomore year through the Hughes Science Pipeline Project). When she was researching her thesis on the effects of the hormone leptin on sweet taste preferences in rats, "he encouraged me not to take the easy route, but to do something different." She also co-authored three abstracts with Currie, three forum presentation papers, and two articles that were published in academic journals.

"He treated me like an equal," Coiro says. "He put so much trust and faith in me in giving me the level of responsibility that he did at the lab. This is his life's work and he's entrusting me to be a part of it. That really encouraged me."



The Religion of Economics: Sharon Harrison

"Economics is like my religion and I'm proselytizing when I teach," says Sharon Harrison, assistant professor of economics and winner of the Gladys Brooks Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award this year. "I enjoy relaying my enthusiasm to the students. I tell them, 'This stuff is amazing; you have to learn to think about the world this way.'"

Harrison, who arrived at Barnard in 1997, teaches core macroeconomics courses, econometrics, and statistics for economics. She also advises seniors writing theses.

"Students respect her because she's honest and upfront," says Marina Tsukerman '05, who has taken two classes with Harrison and volunteered as her research assistant. Harrison, her adviser for her double major in economics and English, "won't just tell you what you want to hear. She'll tell you exactly what her opinion is," Tsukerman says. "It's great to have someone like that in your life."

Her own opinion wasn't enough to give some students, however. Anne Pol '04, whose senior the-

sis incorporated market research on tattoo pigment technology that she was conducting for a company, says Harrison “even had her husband—who is a business consultant—read it, so I got two sets of comments on my first chapter.”

“Usually the students I advise choose topics on which I’m not an expert,” Harrison says. “I don’t teach them how to solve their particular model, but I provide them with motivation and teach them how to do research.”

“I think she was excited to know more about the topic, while also being able to help me,” says Caroline Bogucki ’04, whose thesis on the expansion of Western European budget airlines into Eastern Europe used an econometric model to determine the most profitable routes to create. “I could tell she was taking an interest in it,” Bogucki says.

Harrison is interested in business cycle theory, applied econometrics, and indeterminacy and sunspots in macroeconomics—“the idea that things that seem unrelated to the economy actually affect it,” she explains. “The word ‘sunspots’ refers to anything outside the economy, and originated from the theory that the economy changed with spots on the sun.”

A Love for Words: Margaret Vandenburg



“In class or out of class, on a topic related to course work or utterly divergent, Professor Vandenburg enjoys the company of students and is always warm, humorous, and critically perceptive,” Kineret Fischer ’06 wrote about Margaret

Vandenburg, senior lecturer in the English department and director of First-Year English, in an essay nominating her for the 2004 Emily Gregory Award for Excellence in Teaching.

“I have spent wonderful time with her talking of Hemingway and bullfighting,” Fischer continued, and “of what courses I might/should take, of personal decisions and experiences.

“She assumes only the very highest quality performance and so challenges each student to aspire beyond the expectations set in other courses, leading to each student’s achievement of incredible ends,” Fischer wrote.

Vandenburg says her pedagogy “is based on the Socratic methods that students have all of the knowledge in there somewhere; it just has to be teased out. I try to focus them and give them more precise language to say what they’ve already discovered on their own. I like the way that I teach; every time it will be different, and that keeps it fresh.”

Currently researching the relationship between gender and aesthetics in Modernism, Vandenburg recently revamped First-Year English, a course that is required of all students.

The rigorous course, now referred to as Reinventing Literary History, is geared toward appreciating the trajectory of literary traditions. The program is broken into course offerings in three parallel traditions: “Legacy of the Mediterranean,” “Women and Culture,” and “The Americas.” A lecture series, featuring professors from across disciplines, complements the seminar and bolsters the program’s mission of teaching writing across the curriculum, she says. In

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Here's to Our
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The Joys
of Having
Women Friends

a few years ago I received a widely circulated e-mail that contained what was being billed as breaking news: women's friendships are as crucial to our health and longevity as not smoking, daily exercise, and a balanced diet. It's always good to have science on your side, but instinctively I knew this to be true long before a University of California, Los Angeles, study on how women respond to stress confirmed it.

From routine slumber parties in elementary school to my present-day dinner parties, I've always prioritized my girlfriends. When I compare notes with other women there's a consensus that our friendships with other women are a priority, right up there with family. One set of Barnard friendships that has survived nearly 60 years is a group informally nicknamed "The Barnard Six." Margaret (Peggy) Schneider Voight '49, says of her group, "When we first met at age 17 as residents of Hewitt Hall, who knew that we would be celebrating our 75th birthdays together? But we did, and it was a blast."

Birthday parties, weddings, reunions, and baby showers all are essentially excuses to get together with friends. Catherine Evans Heald '84 says she and the other six alumnae who are a part of "Barnard Girls Night" have been meeting at one of their homes for dinner almost every six weeks for the past 15 years. "At almost every dinner it seems there is a major announcement, either good or bad: a marriage, a divorce, a birth, a death, or some other major life change," Heald says.

Women enjoy catching up on work, kids, and relationships, and being there for each other to share joys, fantasies, frustrations, and sorrows. "We're all very different," Voight says of "The Barnard Six."

"We've had varied careers and experiences, and we all have very strong opinions, but the bottom line is that we know we can totally depend on and trust each other. We've wept and consoled each other when times were tough and we applaud each other when there's a triumph to share. Now, we worry about each other's health. But we also laugh a lot," she adds.

Women sometimes create a reason to get together, when all we really want to do is talk. Shortly after I gave birth to my son a friend called to ask if she could come over and "hang out." How refreshing it was to get to the heart of it: catching up without the distraction of a movie, an agenda, or a waiter taking our order.

It was at Barnard where I learned not only the value of women's friendships, but also the benefit of them. Having sought out a women's college, I wasn't fearful of bonding with other women and recognized that when it came to my professional success, creating a girls' network could be more powerful and beneficial than infiltrating the old boys' network.

"We were magnets to each other," Sheila Abdus-Salaam '74 says of her classmate Marilyn Sanders Mobley McKenzie '74. They met on their first day at Barnard and 34 years later are still best friends. Abdus-Salaam, a justice for the Supreme Court of the State of New York, describes her friends as being, among other things, lawyers, CEOs, media executives, graphic artists, and academics. "We complement each other; we finish each other's sentences and think so much alike, yet we are very different people."

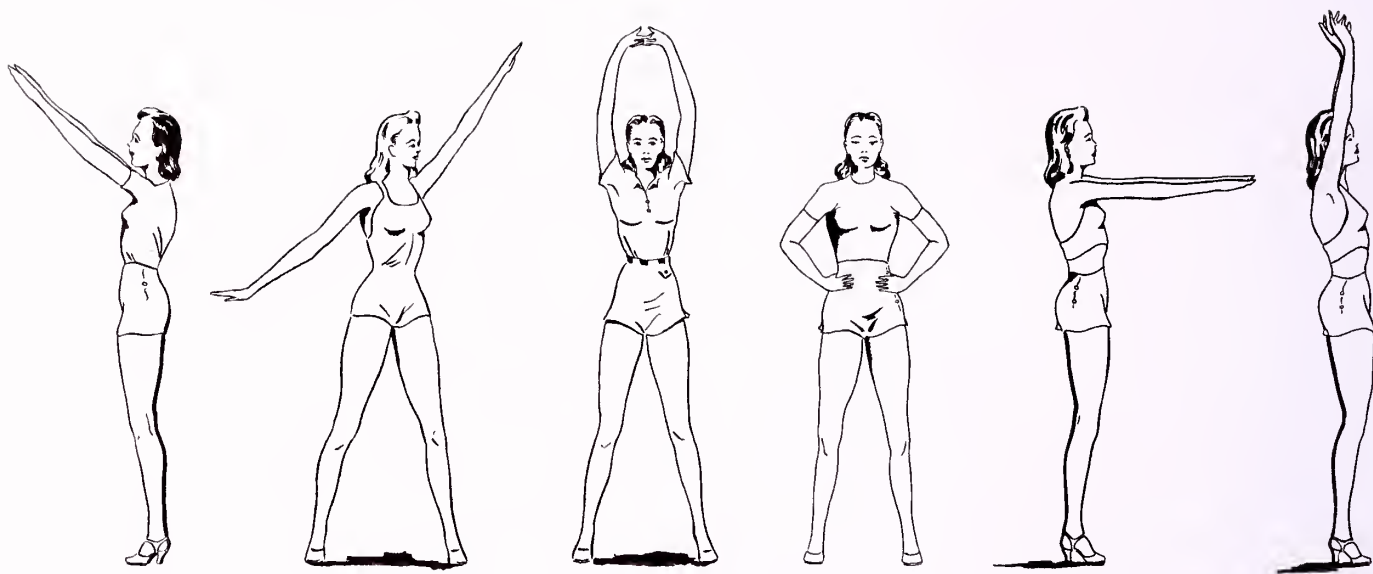
The qualities of friendship—trust, support, shared experiences, similar interests—are universal. Friends give us a reprieve from the rest of our lives. We don't have to defend our character or justify our feelings. We can make ourselves vulnerable or we can just escape into the mundane aspects of life. We can reveal our faults without fearing retribution, laugh without being embarrassed, and share our ambitions without feeling like they're outlandish. "We've been in each other's weddings, babysat for each other's kids, and helped each other through divorces," Abdus-Salaam says of McKenzie and her other pals from her Barnard years. "We have a common history." They gather frequently—one classmate has an annual open house; another hosts an annual New Year's Eve party.

Expectations are also a common denominator, including knowing how to negotiate difference and personality conflicts. Friends are supposed to show up—physically and emotionally—when we need them. Failing to meet these challenges can cause some friendships to falter. "Whenever we do manage to get together, usually at one of our homes, in New York, Washington, Florida, or Maine," says Voight of her group, "we know we can talk about just about anything with each other. Well, maybe not politics," she says, laughing. "We're split down the middle politically, and both sides know better than to try to convert the other."

More than anything else, this unconditional and mutual support is what sets friends apart from the rest of the people with whom we interact on a daily basis. Abdus-Salaam says the women who go to the annual "Big Girl Slumber Party," for instance, instituted a friendly "health watch." Each woman has set a goal of running or walking five miles each day, and the group is planning a 5K run/walk at the end of the year.

What remains undefined is the threshold of friendship: how and when does someone become a friend, rather than a colleague or an acquaintance? "I was just drawn to her," Galaxy Craze '92 says about the first time she met Dr. Clare Ann Stein '47, who passed away in December 2003. The two met at a Barnard reunion in 2002, where Stein was celebrating her 55th reunion and Craze was giving a reading from her novel, *By The Shore* (Grove Press, 2000). Stein and her husband, Dr. Bernard J. Sussman, were sitting on a bench on Lehman Lawn when Craze and her then fiancé, now husband, approached them. How that relationship evolved from a chance occurrence to phone calls, lunches, and sharing their experiences—marriage, travel, dogs, a robbery—is a mystery. "It just happened; we were just attracted to each other. There was no formal introduction; no awkward getting-to-know-each-other stage," Craze says.

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Changing the Subject:
the history of
women at columbia

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According to

Rosalind Rosenberg, Ann Whitney Olin Professor of History, there were three key moments in the history of Barnard that advanced the cause of women's higher education and changed Columbia University: In 1900, the Columbia board agreed that Barnard might hire its own faculty. In 1922, Barnard's tenured female faculty became eligible to teach in Columbia's graduate faculties. In 1969, the Columbia Women's Liberation movement initiated a debate about Barnard's mission that led Barnard to remain autonomous when in 1983 Columbia began admitting women. In this excerpt from *Changing the Subject: How the Women of Columbia Shaped the Way We Think About Sex and Politics*, which will be published in December by Columbia University Press, Rosenberg describes the debate over Columbia's decision to admit women, and its impact on Barnard.

The Breslow Committee Report

In 1977, Arnold Collery, an economist from Amherst, succeeded Peter Pouncey as dean of Columbia College. Finding little support from the Columbia faculty for further cooperation with Barnard, he appointed a special committee, chaired by Ronald Breslow, professor of chemistry, to look into the possibility of Columbia College's admitting women directly. Breslow, who had a daughter nearing college age and who wanted her to have the option of attending Columbia, recognized that the chief stumbling block to Columbia's admitting women was the fear that such a step might destroy Barnard. To address that concern, his committee examined other formerly all-male institutions near women's colleges in order to determine what had happened when they started admitting women. In the grip of wishful thinking, the committee avoided the question of whether the women's colleges had begun to experience increased difficulty in recruiting students (all had) and looked to see, simply, whether any had yet folded (none had). Reassurance that adopting coeducation did not automatically lead to the extinction of a single-sex sister school removed an important barrier to Columbia's admitting women unilaterally, but it was the committee's demographic evidence that provided a sense of urgency. The baby boom, which had fueled the expansion of higher



education in the 1960s, had tapered off. By the late 1970s, educators saw a crisis looming. Demographers predicted a 40 percent decline in college-age Americans in the Northeast in the 1980s. Schools once awash in students had already begun to compete fiercely to attract them. Columbia had to do this in the middle of New York City, whose fiscal woes throughout the 1970s made it a dreary, even dangerous place to be. As of 1980, Columbia had the lowest number of applications from men of any school in the Ivy League and was forced to accept nearly half of all who applied. Only Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania were less selective. Dean of Admissions Jim McMenamin, newly arrived from Brown University's admissions department, warned that conditions were likely to worsen as the demographic crisis intensified. In the fall of 1981, he was finding that his efforts to sell Columbia as a coeducational experience by virtue of the college's affiliation with Barnard were not getting through to the 18-year-olds he was trying to recruit.

Mindful of these facts, the Breslow Committee report recommended that Columbia not enlarge its student body, a step that had been taken by Yale in 1969, when it admitted women. Instead, Columbia should keep its class size constant, but consider females equally with male applicants. In one stroke, Columbia would become immediately twice as selective as it had been. All but one of the committee members endorsed the report's conclusion in April 1981 that Columbia should admit women immediately.

A Dissenting Opinion: Gillian Lindt

The one dissenter, a professor of religion, Gillian Lindt, was also the sole woman on the committee. Born and raised in West-

ern Europe, the daughter of two freelance journalists, she spent her youth in France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Poland, Ireland, and England, never living for more than a few months in any one place. Lindt came to Columbia as a graduate student in sociology in 1955. One of

an entering class of more than 50 students (one-third of them women), she witnessed a disproportionate attrition of the women, "several of whom were smarter than I was."

Offered on average less financial support than their male peers and lacking self-confidence, they found Columbia an unwelcoming place. Lindt persevered in part because her parents had given her the confidence to believe that she could make it on her own. Her peripatetic childhood had led her to accept as a given that she was and always would be an outsider. Unlike many of her female peers in American universities, she did not expect much in the way of welcome or support. ...

... Lindt married and bore two children, while continuing to teach and pursue her research. Her career, which included appointments at Rutgers, Columbia (General Studies, of course), Howard, and American Universities, would have come to an abrupt halt had it not been for the "unfailing support of another woman," her housekeeper, who shouldered the bulk of the responsibility for child care for more than 14 years. ...

As Lindt moved from one university to another, following her husband, as was customary in the 1950s and 1960s, she typically was the only woman in her department and encountered her share of sexual harassment and indignity. On being interviewed by a male dean for a tenured appointment, she was asked, "Do you plan to have any more children?" To which she replied, "Do you?" Humor, she insisted, was in those days more effective than the threat of litigation, in dealing with discrimination.

Then, in 1973, the religion department at Columbia recruited her for a tenured position. Lindt taught in both the graduate school and the School of General Studies, but the chair of her department never thought to have her appointed to the Columbia College faculty. When she was named to the Breslow Committee to consider the future of Columbia College, therefore, she was not only the sole female member of the committee, but also the only professor without an appointment in Columbia College.

From the beginning, Lindt felt uncomfortable about the committee's work. She was surprised to learn that the proposal to make the college coeducational had come from the college administration, not the faculty. The committee was told that coeducation was the only way to stem the rapidly deteriorating size and quality of the college's applicant pool. In the committee's discussions, support for the admission of women to Columbia College was based on purely pragmatic political considerations, not on any serious reconsideration of the ethics of excluding women from the college. More than anything else, she was dismayed by the tenor of the committee's discussions. In the context of Columbia College's ability finally to be able to house all its students on campus, one committee member called for "a bed for every

College man and a girl to go with it."

"They had no idea how demeaning that kind of value assumption would be to the very women they were hoping not only to attract to the college, but also to retain," Lindt later declared. She took exception as well to the suggestion of one member that Columbia impose a quota that would limit women to one-third of the student body. When told that imposing a quota would be illegal, the proponent of the idea asked, "Can we do this informally?" Lindt, who had developed friendships with several Barnard faculty—including Mirra Komarovsky, Barbara Miller, Elaine Pagels, and Catharine Stimpson—was well aware that many faculty at Barnard were deeply worried about what the admission of women to Columbia College would do to the women's college.

In the end, to the distress of her fellow committee members, Lindt wrote a separate, dissenting report in which she declared that the committee had not provided sufficient evidence to show that the admission of women to Columbia College would not harm Barnard and, furthermore, that the college was not yet ready to admit women. The university, she believed, would need a year or two, rather than a few months, to prepare for a successful shift to coeducation

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AABC NEWS

There are more than 29,000 Barnard alumnae throughout the world. All of us belong to Barnard's alumnae association. Established in 1895 by alumnae to support the College, the AABC connects alumnae to Barnard and to each other.

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The AABC welcomes the Class of 2008 as they enter the Barnard circle and looks forward to fostering their connection to the College and its alumnae.

Often alumnae are the first connection that students have to the College. Initially resisting the idea of attending a women's college, Megan Lothrop '05 says, "[I] totally changed my attitude and made Barnard the school I decided to attend," when she visited the campus with her mother, Patricia Dooley Lothrop '69, who described her time at Barnard to Megan. Other times it's a student who brings the alumna back to Barnard. After graduating, Gladys Astorga '76 moved to Los Angeles and "never thought to reconnect until [her] oldest applied" to the College. When Alexis Astorga '03 arrived at Barnard, her proud mother couldn't help but think, "Oh, how cool, she'll be walking through the same halls as I did." The Astorga family returned to campus this fall to help Alexis' sister Jacqueline Astorga '08 move into Reid Hall. The

AABC celebrates all connections among alumnae, whether they're related or recent acquaintances, and hopes to encourage many more.

BRINGING STUDENTS AND ALUMNAE TOGETHER

To further the connections between the College and alumnae, the AABC has sponsored a number of events for students and alumnae like intimate teas at the Vagelos Alumnae Center. Each tea features an alumna, like author Suki (Sun Sook) Kim '92, violist Katherine Sinsabaugh '85, and author Jillian Medoff '85, who shares her experiences and accomplishments. At the most recent tea, a collaboration of Alumnae Affairs and students on the McIntosh Activities Council, Judy Katz '82 showcased two of her films and talked with students over bubble-tea.

Last spring the campus was buzzing in excitement about the new initiative, Tables for Ten, where alumnae invite students to small dinner parties in their homes or in restaurants. More than 60 students, and a number of special guests, attended the five dinners: "Fashioning A Creative Life" hosted by fashion recruiter Jayne Sosland '87; "The Politics of Leadership" with New York City's Public Advocate Betsy Flower Gotbaum '61; "A Shakespearean Passion" with writer/producer Norma Ketay Asnes '57; "The Reality of Reporting" with Alexis Gelber '74, director of special projects at *Newsweek*; and "Sculpting the World Around You" hosted by sculptor Barbara Glaser Sahlman '53. Both students and alumnae enjoyed this unique opportunity to talk about life within and beyond the Barnard gates. If you're interested in hosting, please contact Alumnae Affairs at 212-854-2005 or alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu.

This year marks the fourth anniversary of the sophomore-alumnae mentorship program, which Alumnae Affairs coordinates in partnership with the Office of Career Development. Nearly 100 students have been paired with alumnae in mentee-mentor relationships. More information about the mentor center can be found at



Ritu Khanna '04 and Janine Lebofsky '06 talk at a student/alumnae tea in the Vagelos Alumnae Center.

www.barnard.edu/alum/volunteer/mentoring.html.

Another opportunity for students to meet with alumnae is through the Women in Leadership Alumnae Dinners, a series sponsored by Alumnae Affairs, the Office of College Activities, and the Office of Career Development. At these dinners up to 15 students meet with one or two alumnae to discuss issues pertinent to women in leadership roles: Jacquelyn Kamin '75 shared her experiences in the nonprofit world; Rabbi Helene Ferris '59 and Cheryl Pynch '82 discussed issues surrounding leadership in faith-based organizations; and students learned about leadership on a global level from long-time United Nations political officer Linda Perkins '68. The fourth dinner focused on cultural leadership, bringing together students and alumnae of different backgrounds and heritages to discuss the shared and disparate experiences of women in historically marginalized cultures.

Reunion offers a special opportunity for students and alumnae to come together. At Reunion 2004 nearly 100 students played an integral part of the celebrations as they welcomed alumnae, performed at events, and assisted with behind-the-scenes logistics. Many students, excited about the new connections they made, vowed to return for Reunion 2005, citing it as one of their favorite Barnard experiences.

STUDENTS AT THE VAGELOS ALUMNAE CENTER

In addition to student-alumnae programming, the AABC sponsors opportunities for students to learn more about the AABC and the Vagelos Alumnae Center.

During the final weeks of the spring, seniors were invited to open houses at the center. More than 100 students came to obtain their alumnae ID cards, set-up e-mail forwarding accounts, and look through information about the events and activities sponsored by the AABC.

The Vagelos Alumnae Center has been host to a series of fireside evening chats sponsored by the Student Government Association featuring President Judith Shapiro and Dean of the College Dorothy Urman Denburg '70. About 30 students have gathered at each chat to ask questions, voice concerns, and share suggestions. The first of these candid events examined the Barnard-Columbia relationship, and the

Fellowship Deadline Reminder

The AABC has supported scholastic excellence for more than 30 years by awarding fellowships for graduate study each year. Nearly 150 alumnae have been named fellows in a wide range of fields, creating a society that represents Barnard's best and brightest.

The one-year awards are granted to alumnae who show a clear interest in a field of study,

demonstrate strong motivation and potential for accomplishment, and present a creative approach to their work and a willingness to explore uncharted territory. Last year four of 72 applicants were named fellows.

Applications for the 2005-2006 AABC Fellowship are available at the Vagelos Alumnae Center and at www.barnard.edu/alum/benefits/bas.html#fellowship. Completed applications are due Monday, Dec. 6, 2004

second, entitled "Dare to Use the F-Word," was an exploration of feminism at Barnard. On Oct. 14 a chat was hosted on the value of a women's college.

THE AABC PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD AND BENEFITS PACKAGE

All Barnard alumnae are entitled to an alumnae photo-identification card free of charge that enables them to take advantage of a variety of benefits and privileges, some of which are outlined below. Alumnae may obtain a card by visiting the Vagelos Alumnae Center on Barnard's campus. Please call Alumnae Affairs at 212-854-2005 or e-mail alumnae_affairs@barnard.edu for more information.

On-campus benefits include free library privileges (reading and borrowing) at Barnard's Wollman Library and free visiting privileges at all Columbia University libraries, where alumnae may purchase borrowing privileges for \$30 a month, and access to Barnard athletic facilities with a \$45 sports pass for the academic year.

Alumnae are able to continue their intellectual growth through a number of exciting opportunities. Many of Barnard's classes are available for free auditing. The AABC sponsors international and domestic travel programs for alumnae and friends. Accompanied by distinguished faculty and other special guides, who lecture and provide an educational component for every trip, alumnae visit historic and cultural sites, are received in private homes, and have access to people and places not available to individual travelers. Alumnae groups have visited the Baltic countries, Egypt, England, France, the Galapagos Islands, Greece, Israel, Russia, Turkey, and Yugoslavia.

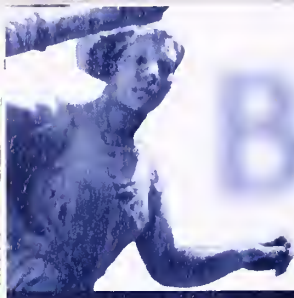
ALUMNAE CONNECTIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2008

DAUGHTERS

Jacquelyn Astorga	Gladys Segard Astorga '76
Leora Benson	Ilana Burstein Benson '76
Sonja Brett	Tybe A. Brett '76
Rachel Felber	Merril Gersten '72
Kristin Galetta	Eugenia Kotsis '78
Ariel Garfinkel	Jodie Rood Garfinkel '79
Rebecca Goch	Wendy Siegel Goch '75
Talia Gottlieb	Paula Gribetz Gottlieb '78
Pnina Herskovits	Beth Gross Herskovits '80
Christina Hsieh	Rosalind Jane Wu '70
Maya Kosugi	Susan Goldman '68
Mikah McCabe	Beth Lipsey McCabe '73
Ariel Moses	Laurie J. Levinberg '76
Julia Pierpont	Claudia Roth Pierpont '73
Reina Potaznik	Helen Sax Potaznik '72
Lara Rosner	Margaret Marchese Rosner '78
Arielle Schwartz	Rena B. Bonne '68
Adrienne Stillman	Andrea Gray Stillman '66
Dori Straus	Zahava Brickman Straus '77
Ruth Talansky	Sue Stromer Talansky '75
Dena Zinberg	Elaine Greenberg Zinberg '77
	Granddaughter of Rona Jungreis Greenberg '54

GRANDDAUGHTERS

Claire Harlam	Sybil Kotkin Storm '43
Justine Shakespeare	Evelyn Glass attended from 1938-1940 Great granddaughter of Mary Eaton Glass '09
Munya Souaiaia	Judith Chute '60
Laura Stoffel	Barbara Glaser Sahlman '53
Julia Wright	Virginia Bloedel Wright '51



CLASS NOTES

In this issue of Class Notes we note each class's Barnard Fund giving and participation for the 2004 fiscal year that ended on June 30. In addition, for classes that celebrated a milestone reunion in June (classes that end in "4" or "9"), we include the class's grand total of giving for all purposes in the five years leading up to reunion.

23 It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Katherine P. Kerrigan**, 101, of Waverly, N.Y. Katherine was extremely active in local politics as a lifelong Democrat and, according to her obituary in *The Evening Times*, even corresponded with Eleanor Roosevelt. Katherine graduated from Barnard with a degree in chemistry and was a private tutor.

26 Beacon Press is publishing a biography of **Elizabeth Lawrence**: *No One Gardens Alone: A Life of Elizabeth Lawrence* by Emily Herring Wilson.

28 **Rosalie (Rose) Bleimeyer Palmer** is a proud great-grandmother for the third time with the birth on April 20 of Russell Palmer Silberger, named after Rose's late father. Rose,

98, is delighted to have Russell join her other two "college-bound" great-grandchildren, Amelia and Marcella.

Sadly we must report the death of **Helen Hope Dibbell**, 96. She is survived by a sister, four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

29 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$3,425

PARTICIPATION:
25% (5 DONORS/20 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING: \$190,501

75TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

30 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$7,800

PARTICIPATION:
19% (5 DONORS/27 IN CLASS)

We are sorry to report the death of **Katie Jaecker Dexter**, 94. *The Suffolk Times* obituary reports that she was a former trustee of the Mattituck Free Library and served as president of the Eastern Long Island Hospital Auxiliary. She received her master's from Teachers College and worked as an examiner for the U.S. Civil Service Commission and as a high school math teacher. She's survived by two daughters, one son, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

31 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$15,256

PARTICIPATION:
30% (9 DONORS/30 IN CLASS)

We're very sorry to report two deaths of our classmates.

Margaret Mitchell Caruthers is survived by two daughters, Lynn Shaw '60 and Caroline Fee, nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grand-

children.

Doris Frances Sutherland passed away Dec. 10, 2003, as reported by her children.

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32 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$8,645

PARTICIPATION:
34% (13 DONORS/38 IN CLASS)

33 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$7,611

PARTICIPATION:
39% (20 DONORS/51 IN CLASS)

Mildred Pearson Horowitz was honored in May by DOROT, an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of the elderly through intergenerational volunteerism. At a gala dinner in the Hotel Pierre in New York, Mildred was presented with the Rose Sommer Generation Award for her work in support of the organization's University Without Walls program.

According to *The New York Times*' obituary, **Grace K. Iijima**, 93, passed away in Manhattan. Grace had been a principal librarian with the New York Public Library and a director of information for the U.S. Information Agency in Japan. In her retirement she served as a member of the executive board of the Global Alliance for Women's Health and represented the Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association and the International Federation on Ageing at the United Nations.

We are also sad to report some other deaths. **Madlyn Millner Kahr**, is survived by three brothers, two sons, and five grandchildren. **Carol Kuhn Goldwater**, 92,

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passed away in May. After Barnard she became a research associate at the Council of Jewish Federations & Welfare Funds and later served as president of the Ossining Children's Center, and worked as a mental health researcher. She is survived by a son, three daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Olga Bendix, 91, passed away on June 15. Olga was on the College's board for four years and also served as class president. She was the first woman to be a clerk of session at her church and one of the first women to be elected as vice president at the Bank of New York. She was president of her chapter of Altrusa. She's survived by a sister, a niece, two nephews, and seven grand-nieces and -nephews.

Grace Lee Boggs e-mails that she has received several recent honors including an honorary doctorate in humane letters from the College of Wooster and several awards from local community groups: a Senior Celebrity award from Bridging Communities, an Outstanding Leader award from the Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues, a Grassroots Peacebuilder award from Peace Action of Michigan, and a Lifetime Commitment award from the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights. Her activities and weekly column for the *Michigan Citizen* can be found at the Boggs Center Web site, www.boggscenter.org.

Mildred Kreeger Davidson, **Marion Greenebaum Epstein**, and **Yolanda Lipari Tipograph** met Aug. 17 with Mary Ann Owens, associate director of The Barnard Fund, to start making plans for our 70th reunion in June 2005. **Kathryn Heavey** is resigning from her position as vice president and program chair since health problems are forcing her to make arrangements to go into a nursing home. I, as your class correspondent, am not able to get to meetings in New York but will be in close touch with our other officers. If you have any ideas or suggestions for reunion, please contact any of us.

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Barnard-in-Washington Club in January because the notice of the event arrived two weeks after it had happened. She reminded me that we knew each other at Brooks Hall as undergraduates, and adds that her granddaughter is applying to Barnard. It was nice to hear from her after so many years.

Our faithful Barnard Fund representative, **Adair Brasted Gould**, wrote of a weekend spent with **Helen May Strauss** last winter: "Had a great visit, which included going to the opera at the Met."

Sonya Turitz Schopick sent the latest issue of *3030 Happenings*, her retirement facility newsletter, the last on which she'll serve as editor. She had to resign because she's busy organizing a chimes choir and assuming other responsibilities for events. From this issue it's obvious that 3030 is a place with many interesting events, and that Sonya is a guiding spirit.

Ethel Greenfield Booth '32, with whom I shared a room a couple of years ago during Leadership Council, is a cousin of **Blanche Kazon Graubard**'s husband, and was surprised to discover that I was a friend of Blanche. She writes: "Blanche was married to my cousin Sy, and through the years we had become close friends. Her death, so shocking because it was so unexpected, was a real loss. And then to have it followed so closely by Sy's, was incredible. I would see them both, in recent years, in Seattle where their daughter Katherine lives, and where they bought a beautiful apartment to come to summers."

I get occasional mail from Mary Davis Williams '44, whom I came to know when I was alumnae director and she was on the board. Recently Mary reminisced about her late husband, whom she met while an undergraduate, and I thought you would enjoy sharing this typical student romance. "He was my blind date for our 1944 Junior Prom, held in the gym. A freshman had accosted him at Columbia's subway stop and dragged him to the dance! He was as embar-

34 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$9,215

PARTICIPATION:

42% (21 DONORS/50 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING: \$234,053

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70TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

35 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$10,947

PARTICIPATION:

35% (23 DONORS/65 IN CLASS)

We're sorry to have to report that **Sally Dermody French** died on March 17. She is survived by her husband, John, and two daughters, Catherine Garea and Anne Watson. Many of us remember Sally and express our sympathy to her family.

A friend of **Elizabeth Anderson Uldall** wrote to report that Elizabeth died June 23 in Scotland. She was well loved by many friends both here and in Scotland. The University of Edinburgh honored her by lowering its flag at the services held for her.

36 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$23,070

PARTICIPATION:

43% (31 DONORS/72 IN CLASS)

Florence Alonso writes: "I have had a wonderful year. Please share my joy. Have just last week seen daughters Janet, from Scottsdale, and Kristin, from California, who is taking a post-grad course in library tech. I still shelve books in our county branch library on Wednesday and take care of my two acres."

Anne Johnston Sessa writes, "I feel badly that I missed seeing you." She missed my program for the

rassed as I. After that, he was sent by the Navy to the South Pacific. He was convinced Yankee girls were very bold! After much correspondence we were married in 1948."

We were sad to hear of the death of **Anna Pustello** in March. She is survived by her sister, Margaret.

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37 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$7,780
PARTICIPATION:
27% (19 DONORS/70 IN CLASS)

38 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$15,155
PARTICIPATION:
34% (37 DONORS/108 IN CLASS)

Vera Halper Schiller is doing the unexpected: She and her husband, Irv, are giving up the care offered when living in a senior citizen facility, and are moving into their own apartment in Westchester, N.Y. Good for you, Vera; now you have to cook us all a celebratory feast. Enjoy your new status and let us hear how you feel in a month or two.

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39 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$28,860
PARTICIPATION:
40% (36 DONORS/90 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:
\$1,369,186

Sarita Blagden Choate is a "captive of the cardiologist." Her children are happy and well, and she's proud to have three great-grandchildren. She plans to start exercising to battle her heart problem.

Phyllis M. Dunbar is doing great

and loves to listen to all types of music, especially classical. She studied music and piano as a child and gets great pleasure from it.

Claire Miller Einhorn loves to see her great-granddaughter, who lives in Philadelphia. Claire spends her time playing the piano and bridge, and working part time as an alcohol and substance abuse counselor for women. She also enjoys attending concerts.

Ruth Shaw Ernst enjoys taking care of her large garden. Some of you may remember that she has written several books on gardening.

Helen Bleibler Hetherington just took a trip to Washington, D.C., and visited her daughter and some museums, including the National Gallery of Art.

Gertrude Ureles Simon tries to take care of her health between visits to the doctor. She hopes everyone from our class is doing well.

Martha Ankeney Schaffer loves to read and spends time at her home in Westfield, N.J. She has a beautiful new great-grandson and loves the frequent visits of her family.

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65TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

40 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$13,927
PARTICIPATION:
59% (63 DONORS/106 IN CLASS)

Our 65th reunion is next year and we're eager to hear your suggestions! Please contact me or one of your other class officers to provide input or help with planning.

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41 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$107,501
PARTICIPATION:
55% (64 DONORS/117 IN CLASS)

Many thanks to those of you who helped me gather news of our classmates in the Western states! I have a little more of their news to share before my husband and I leave on another trip with our little trailer, this time to the Sierra Nevada area of California and then up to Alberta, an area we've never visited. Of course we'll visit our sons in Boise, Idaho, and southern Illinois on the way home. Athena's doing quite well but is not yet ready to take on the correspondent's job again.

Helen Owen Rudd Brown writes that she's lived in Pasadena, Calif., for more than 50 years. Four years ago she moved to a retirement community, where she has been president of the residents association for two years. She still writes and is now working on a memoir about her mother, "who was an accomplished woman outside the home in an era when there weren't many."

Greta Eisenmenger Neelsen reports from Aptos, Calif., that she writes occasional articles with intriguing titles such as, "To Tell the Truth" and "The Romance of Mail" for a local magazine, and does counseling with family service elders. Greta also has a book "on the back burner." She says she works out five days a week at the gym. How I envy her! My new hips and the arthritic knees I don't want operated on confine me to water aerobics, although I must say it's great exercise for old folks.

E-mail brings a long-delayed response from **Jane Goldstein Berzer**, who says she's very active in the Barnard College Club of Los Angeles. She reports that **Winifred Hessinger** hasn't been able to attend regularly since a stroke a couple of years ago. The club is a wonderful mix of classes from 1932 to 2004 and offers five luncheon meetings a year with excellent speakers, including President Shapiro. Jane also volunteers at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and works on the board of an agency for emotionally disturbed children. She saw **Elizabeth Harris Mersey** in Florida in February and says that

Elizabeth is busy playing golf and bridge and writing short fiction, some of which has been published in magazines.

To end on a more somber note, we extend our sympathy to Victor Schrager, who has notified us of the death of his mother, **Anne Connolly Schrager**, in Rensselaerville, N.Y., on May 27. We also sadly report the death of **Helen Taft Gardiner** on August 17. We also send condolences to **Marian Linn Wright** who lost her husband, Bob, after 59 years of marriage in November 2002. Marian reports her scattered family visits often and she sends her greetings to us all.

To all of you who enjoy reading a brief word about your former classmates, please remember that it takes just a few minutes and a stamp to keep in touch. Do drop a line.

—JRM

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42 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$34,956

PARTICIPATION:

54% (67 DONORS/125 IN CLASS)

After 24 years in an apartment in Arlington, Va., Co-Class Correspondent **Barbara Heinzen Colby** moved to Ingleside, a continuing-care retirement community in Washington, D.C. She's looking forward to various activities offered there—trips to museums, concerts, theaters, etc. There's even a computer room, and, after she has settled in, she expects to join the ranks of the computer-literate. Barbara has family members living in the D.C. area, and many friends from her foreign service years residing at Ingleside. Barbara majored in history at Barnard and

was very active in the Interfaith Council. She started out as a commuter and then moved to Brooks Hall. While she was at Barnard she met William Colby, who was a law student at Columbia. They married in 1945 and lived in Washington, D.C., for several years until he joined the government. He had many overseas assignments and finally retired as the director of the Central Intelligence Agency. They had five children (four still alive). Barbara and the children accompanied him to many foreign posts. The couple divorced shortly after William retired, and Barbara entered a new phase of her life. She enrolled in Georgetown University and earned a master's degree in liberal studies (humanities). She became very active in Barnard alumnae affairs and worked on the family council at the CIA. She was given an award for her achievements in procuring financial benefits for ex-spouses of CIA officers and setting up college scholarships for CIA dependents. She plans to continue to working with the CIA family council.

Clytia Capraro Chambers' husband is slowly recovering from a serious operation and she's cutting back on some of her work. For 20 years she worked full-time at a PR firm and acted as editor (*pro bono*) for *Fruit Gardeners*, the official publication of the California Rare Fruit Growers. In 2000 she retired as editor and is now editor emeritus, responsible only for proofreading. She spends little time in her own garden these days.

My husband, Ben, and I spent a long summer at our cottage on an island in Casco Bay, Maine, and attended Ben's 66th reunion at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and were the only representatives of the Class of 1938. In June we went to Newfoundland on an Elderhostel trip and in July we had a family reunion of 107 Cushing relatives. We also had a funeral (sister-in-law) and a wedding (grandson) over the summer.

What did you do?

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43 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$11,825

PARTICIPATION:

45% (54 DONORS/120 IN CLASS)

Greetings from your temporary class correspondent! **Marilyn Haggerty** organized a gathering for some of us, including academians **Carol Hawkes** and **Lena Braren Norton**, both of whom have changed very little over the years. **Laura Ponticorvo** told us about several trips to Italy to visit family and friends, and **Maureen O'Connor Cannon** filled us in on the great times she's had at her second home on the shore in Delaware. Marilyn, a city girl, told us all about her move to an adult community in a rural, woodsy area. While quite a change for her, she loves the perks that come with the well-staffed environment. **Sophie Vrahnos Louros** and **Margaret (Peg) Crymble Klein** were absent with good reason, as we schoolteachers used to say, while **Patricia Condon Fenichell** and **Flora Benas** were under the weather. We hope they improve soon.

After 30 years as a high school social studies teacher, **Mary Alice Pringle Morozzo** writes that she retired in 1985 and still follows Barnard news with great interest and remembers Pearl Harbor Day every year.

Joan Borgenicht Aron is researching an article on nuclear power plants and terrorist attacks. She also hopes more of her classmates will send news to Class Notes!

Rena Libera Jonathan writes that "every day in every way" she's become better and better "because of Barnard!"

Our condolences to **Deborah**

Burstein Karp, whose husband, Abraham J. Karp, passed away in November.

Deepest sympathies go out to **Verna Tamborelle Beaver** on the death of her husband of 59 years, Dr. Joseph C. Beaver.

I'm euphoric about a Great Books Forum I attended at Colby College in Maine. (Can you guess that I still like to read?) Best wishes to you all!

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44 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$48,804

PARTICIPATION:

66% (92 DONORS/140 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:
\$328,822

Class Officers 2003-2008: President, Robertina Campbell; Vice Presidents, Dorothy Carroll and Jacqueline Shadgen Menage; Fund Chairs, Françoise Kelz and Doris Landre; Correspondent, Martha Messler Zepp; Treasurer, Dorothy Kattenhorn Eberhart; Reunion Chair, Jacqueline Shadgen Menage.

Here are some excerpts from a letter written by **Sister Joseph of Jesus Mary** (Charlotte McKenzie) at the Carmelite Monastery that has long been her home: "Dear Classmates, Truly, I must begin with an apology for being so late in sending my love, prayers, and congratulations to each one of the valiant '44ers. How often I think of you and picture you in my mind—the times we met on 'Jake,' in the 'Jungle,' and just about this time of the year in the 'Morgue.'

"We (at Carmel) are becoming 'multicultural' with three 'Brits' one Swiss, one Trinidadian, two South Koreans, one Vietnamese, one local Hoosier, and one Cape Codder (me). I cherish the news of Barnard, the wonderful achievements and the changes of the terrain. Loving greetings to one and all, and prayers for your families. Somehow friends sepa-

rated by miles and countries are always friends—thanks to each of you. Whatever each of us is doing, let us hope and pray that we are called to help bring peace to our world, justice, integrity, and genuine love."

Two others who would've joined the 35 or so '44ers at Reunion 2004 had things fallen into place were **Columbia Johnson**, whose "thoughts and prayers will be very much with you all," and **Carol Sheldon** who "almost did." She spent January as she normally does in Florida, enjoying the company of former associates. **Mary Lapwing Coan** also wished the class a "splendid time at reunion." "Mobility therapy continues but not fast enough (for) travel as yet." Mary lives with her daughter and four grandchildren in what must be a very lively household.

Unable to be in two places at one time, **Joan Carey Zier** and her husband, Carl, were cruising the Atlantic in celebration of 60 years of married life the first week of June. Back home in Colorado, Carl plays golf while volunteer Joan trains Girl Scout leaders. Scorecard for their grandchildren: two have graduate school behind them; three are undergraduates; and three are in high school.

Graduation, travel, and anniversaries also figure in the lives of Oregonian **Edna Ely Little** and her husband, Russell. They attended the high school graduation of a granddaughter and prepared for a 25th wedding anniversary trip "to the Fjordland of Norway."

"After 56 years of foreign service life abroad (Note: much of it in the American Embassy in Mexico City) and three years of return to a much-changed native land," writes **Elizabeth Yoerg Schumacher**, "I still feel a square peg in a round hole. I am in a pleasant retirement home near a dear daughter in Dallas. Blessed with good health, I have traveled a lot. Next: Russia with a college group, and later, Italy with my son and family. *Carpe diem!*"

Anne Sirch Spitznagel writes that she was "sorry to miss reunion."

Her Minnesota granddaughter, Beth, graduated from high school earlier that week and shortly thereafter moved to Flagstaff, Ariz., with her family. Anne and her husband went to St. Paul to congratulate Beth and help the family get ready to move.

Miriam Gore Raff and her husband traveled from the Philadelphia area to the outskirts of Washington, D.C., to compare retirement activities with **Ethel Weiss Brandwein** and her husband, Seymour. Both couples live in senior complexes.

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60TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

45 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$113,587

PARTICIPATION:

58% (87 DONORS/151 IN CLASS)

Do you have the dates for our 60th reunion marked in bold on your calendar? If not, do it now: Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, June 5, 2005.

Bonnie O'Leary writes from Colorado that she retired as a Major from the U.S. Air Force in 1972. For the past 16 years she has spearheaded the Women in Military Service for America (WIMSA) Memorial project. The memorial is an impressive marble building at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery that honors all American women who have served in our military since 1776. In 1997 President and Mrs. Clinton broke ground for the memorial, which cost about \$15 million. If you know anyone who served and isn't registered with WIMSA, Bonnie suggests they call 1-800-I-SALUTE or write to wimsa@aol.com. Bonnie, who loves to travel, also probably holds a unique record for our class: she's visited 161 countries.

We regret to report that **Patricia Cady Remmer**, president of our class at the time of our highly successful 50th reunion, passed away. Many of you will remember her as

dorm president and as a spokeswoman for student issues in the student council forum. In our postgraduate years she was deeply involved with our class, often behind the scenes. A generous donor to the class fund, she also helped facilitate special innovations at our reunions. She attended many events and was always there to encourage and console classmates in their private struggles.

Pat, a trustee of the College and vice chair of the board, led the movement to convince the board that the College needed a plan for restoring its infrastructure. Pat's lasting contribution, however, was her industrious work on the presidential search committee, where she advocated the candidate we all admire, President Judith Shapiro. **Avra Kessler Mark** and I attended her memorial service in Old Greenwich, Conn., on Aug. 28 with her family of four children, 10 grandchildren, and many longtime friends.

Daisy Fornacca Kouzel, our class correspondent for decades, died June 8 in California. Her family is planning a memorial service that will take place at The Blessed Sacrament Church, 152 West 71st St., on Monday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. There will also be a late lunch afterward at Daisy's favorite neighborhood restaurant, Dallas BBQ. Let's as many of us as possible go to honor Daisy.

Thelma Moleski Martley died after a long illness on April 14, 2004. Jacqueline Shadgen Menage '44, her closest Barnard friend, phoned to tell me. Thelma grew up in Pennsylvania, and was a sophomore transfer to Barnard from a Washington, D.C., college. She and her husband (who predeceased her) lived in Port Washington, N.Y., with their two daughters. The Class of 1944 (Nassau/Queens contingent) had a very active book club of which Thelma was a devoted member. I remember Thelma as a very chic undergraduate always dressed more in the style of a career girl than a saddle-shoed college student.

Shirley Sexauer Harrison, who died in May, was officially a member

of the Class of 1944 but known to many of us because of her regular attendance at our mini-reunions. We enjoyed her company at our visit to the Cloisters in the spring of 2003 before she moved to Wisconsin.

Our condolences to the families of Pat, Daisy, Thelma, and Shirley.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$18,117

PARTICIPATION:
46% (78 DONORS/168 IN CLASS)

Big thanks to those of you who so very kindly sent your news for this class column; please, readers, send your news, too.

Cynthia Kosmas Matthews writes: "I have winterized my summer cottage in the Oswegatchie area of Waterford, Conn. We are here with my twin sister, Helen Maltzos. We are situated on the Niantic River, a pretty and ever-changing view. Helen lived in Paris all her married life with her husband, the Greek artist Yanni Maltzos. Recently there was an exhibit of his work at an art gallery in New London. My daughter, Denise Matthews, is a professor at Eastern Connecticut State University. She produces documentaries and is living with us, while flying to Athens, Ga., to be with her husband as often as she can. My son lives in Piedmont, Calif., with his wife and my two grandchildren. Twice a year I fly to the West Coast for a visit. All in all a pretty nice retirement with lots of good reading and a book club to boot!"

Virginia Sarafianos McCrory writes from Stone Mountain, Ga.: "I have had a spell of poor health from which I am recovering slowly, so I don't have a lot of interesting news to write. My family (husband, four grown children, six grandchildren, ages 6 to 22) are all doing well, so that is a pleasure. I've heard from **Sally Crane Summerell**; she is, as usual,

globetrotting."

Helen Hutchinson Burnside writes: "Moved last November to Sun City, Ariz. My sister lives here and it seemed like time for a change. My son, Curtis, and his family live in Florida. Grandson Curtis just joined the U.S. Marines. I tease him that he has to reach the rank of lieutenant, which was my rank when I left the Navy many years ago."

Elizabeth Hess Jelstrup sends this news from Dunham, N.C.: "My family arranged a lovely 80th birthday celebration at a beautifully restored Virginia plantation house offering gourmet meals with old friends and our mutual granddaughters."

Judith Rudansky Goldsmith, of Woodmere, N.Y., has been presenting her solo dramatic performance, "Beyond the Golden Door," in connection with Celebrate 350, the year-long commemoration of 350 years of Jewish life in America, 1654-2004. The program consists of her word portrait of Emma Lazarus, "Voice of the Statue of Liberty," as well as her dramatization of letters from Jewish immigrants on the Lower East Side at the turn of the century.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$46,110

PARTICIPATION:
57% (116 DONORS/205 IN CLASS)

A memorial celebration of the life of our former class correspondent **Aline Crenshaw Desbonnet** was held on May 1 at the Ethical Humanist Society in Garden City, Long Island, and was attended by **Jeanne Bergquist Flagg**, **Marguerite Traeris Harris-Chinkel**, **Dorothy Lowe Nieweg**, and **Shaigan Kiachif Toubia**. Aline's two sons, along with other family members, colleagues, students, neighbors, and friends shared reminiscences with those who had gathered. It was moving to hear that Aline

UPCOMING NEW YORK EVENTS

Barnard College Club of New York

Fall and winter events include guest speakers, tours of New York's archipelago (Governor's Island, Staten Island, City Island, & Riker's Island), walking tours of neighborhoods like Manhattan Valley, and the annual holiday party in December.

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For events information, call Norma Glaser Justin '52 at 718-884-0655, or visit our Web site www.barnard.edu/alum/groups/bccny.html

Barnard Business and Professional Women

Our events this year will include a tour of the Museum of Sex in March, a panel in April on volunteering for change, and a year-end dinner at Mae Mae Café in June.

Check our Web site at www.bbpw.org or call our event hotline at 212-479-7969 for more information.

Questions? E-mail membership director Jenny Fielding '94 at jenny@bbpw.org.

had touched and enriched the lives of so many. In remembrance some of Aline's close friends have donated books to Wollman Library in her name. Bookplates will commemorate her, and it seems a very appropriate and useful gesture any of us might make in honor of the Barnard friends we've lost.

Patricia Pierce Pifer writes that although she has lived in California since 1948, she has had a number of reunions with **Florence Shepard Briesmeister**, **Erna Ebeling de Anna**, and Shaigan Kiachif Touba over the years whenever she returns to the East or they visit California. She attended our 45th reunion and has attended meetings of the Barnard College Club of

Los Angeles. She and her husband are retired: she from teaching and he from aerospace. They have three children and three grandchildren. They've done some traveling and most recently enjoyed a visit to Tahiti. Two years ago in October, while vacationing in Hawaii, they spent an afternoon with Alma Beers Rowe '48 and her family, who were in Honolulu from a cruise ship.

Winifred Barr Rothenberg reports a life story that is in its way a pattern of many of us who left college in the mid-20th century. Winifred finished a master's in economics at Columbia, then married Jerome Rothenberg. She followed him throughout his career as a professor of economics to a number of appointments: Amherst—where, because of the Korean War, she was able to teach also—Chicago, Northwestern, and finally in 1966 M.I.T., where he taught until his retirement. After raising their children, Winifred taught high school for five years, then entered Brandeis to earn a doctorate in 1985, and finally took a position at Tufts as professor of economic history in America and Britain. The Rothenbergs have two grandchildren.

All of this reminds me of my own trajectory: five children in a marriage to an actor and director, then grueling work as box office manager, business manager, and publicity writer for our summer music theater in Saratoga Springs, re-entry into graduate school, a doctorate in 1971, followed by 25 years as instructor to professor at the City College of New York and the CUNY Graduate School. For those of us who followed this scenario, our paths were different from those of our husbands. We faithfully tended their careers first. We took time out for the children. We began professional careers late. That was indeed different, but I doubt any of us much regret the diversity of our efforts—too many rewards!

Sadly we must report the death of **Helen Swikart Pond** in May. Condolences to her family and friends.

I'd be particularly interested in hearing your conclusions about the shapes your lives have taken. We're an interesting generation—part of the greatest.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$49,703

PARTICIPATION:
50% (110 DONORS/222 IN CLASS)

Here's news from **Yoko Omura Anderson** in Kalamazoo, Mich.: "I am an animal lover and volunteer for the Binder Park Zoo, a spay/neuter clinic for the Humane Society, and show small animals to nursing home patients. I have two sons and a daughter; a musician, a physicist, and a CPA. My husband and I have traveled extensively all over Canada, Caribbean Islands, Central America, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, South America, Tanzania, Thailand, and the United States."

In the summer, I met up with **Frances Dowd Smith** and **Nora Robell** in New York. Fran, as always, was involved with multiple school or college graduations of one or another of her 10 grandkids. Nora enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to Eastern Europe with **Mary Miller Mack**. They visited the three Baltic nations, Finland, and St. Petersburg. The Hermitage was the high point. We were impressed that Nora stayed at the museum after the group and took the subway back to their hotel on her own. But then, Nora is a life-long New Yorker, never daunted by subways—even in Russia.

I caught up with **Lois Williams Emma** in connection with a newly formed Barnard Club of Greater Northern New Jersey. Anticipating knee replacement surgery in the fall, Lois enjoyed an active summer cruising to Bermuda, swimming, and visiting Grand Cayman. Meanwhile, **Sabina FitzGibbon Philip** and

her husband, Peter, were planning a two-week trip to England with their youngest son and his family, returning to New York on the Queen Mary II. All three of their sons are headmasters of private schools and are happy in their careers. Sabina and Peter have seven grandchildren.

We're sorry to report the death of **Dorothy Reese Forrester** on April 26. She leaves her husband, Charles, a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren. Among her achievements, Dorothy served in the WAC during World War II before joining us at Barnard.

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49 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$85,977

PARTICIPATION:

57% (116 DONORS/205 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:

\$642,735

Class Officers 2003-2008: President, Marilyn Karmason Spritz; Vice Presidents and Reunion Chairs, Ruth Musicant Feder and Martha Gross Fink; Fund Chair, Carol Collyer Brower; Correspondents, Yvette Delabarre DeFelice and Rosary Scacciaferro Gilheany; Treasurer, Marilyn Heggie de Lallo.

As many said at reunion, it's great to see those who knew us as we were. How about having a lunch and museum meeting in the New York metro area? If any of you are members of a museum, it might make the arrangements easier. For those in other areas, try the same thing or work with your regional clubs.

At reunion, **Anna Menapace Seeley** said she was glad to be a survivor in such an interesting world. That seems to be a common idea. We're all very concerned with today's situation.

Dr. **Elizabeth (Betty) Coryllos Lardi** has changed careers from pediatric surgeon to lactation consultant. Her husband, a lawyer, is now a wine

importer. They have four grandsons.

Thankfully **Betty Anderson Shine** of Medford Lakes, N.J., wasn't one of the "hundreds that fled flooding" when a storm hit their area last month, but she did have to circumnavigate roads that were closed and boil water.

Martha Gross Fink, on a recent trip to Paris, saw **Simone Dreyfus**, professor of international law at the University of Paris, at her home overlooking the Luxembourg Gardens. One of Simone's responsibilities has been to advise foreign students attending the law school.

Margaret Stern Kaplan, until recently senior vice president and executive editor at Harry N. Abrams, Inc., is now editor at large, enjoying a three-day schedule. She's also active in Art Table, a national invitational organization of "women in leadership positions in the arts." Margaret has a daughter and two granddaughters, one a senior in high school and the other a senior in college. Her husband, who died in 1988, was a reporter for *The New York Times*. Margaret began with the Class of 1950, but graduated with us.

Mary Schofield Conway sold her house in Cedar Grove, N.J., in June and now lives in Southern California. Her new house is in Laguna Hills, Orange County. Her two sons, Scott and Bruce, their wives, and her granddaughter, Lauren, live nearby. Mary is taking advantage of the many cultural activities in her new area, particularly a dance series and a classical music series at the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Nancy Hatch Dupree was "The Saturday Profile" in *The New York Times*, May 8, 2004. Interviewed at the former pleasure palace of Emir Abdul Rahman, in Kabul, Afghanistan, Nancy said that her main concern is to refocus attention on preserving Afghanistan's cultural heritage and to build a center to house the 25,000 documents she and her husband, the late archaeologist Rene Dupree, collected.

Sadly, we have another death to

report. **Susan Morris Carter** died in April of emphysema. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Frederick D. Carter, a daughter, a son, and two grandsons. She lived in Wassaic, N.Y., and was a supporter of the Dutchess Land Conservancy of Millbrook, N.Y. Our condolences to her family.

—RSG

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55TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

50 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$66,965

PARTICIPATION:

61% (139 DONORS/229 IN CLASS)

My co-correspondent, **Zelma McCormick Huntoon**, has retired for personal reasons. On behalf of our class we want to thank her for the news she collected and reported on for the past five years. Her devotion, loyalty, and spirit have helped keep our class together for over 50 years.

We also welcome **Nancy Nicholson Joline** as the new co-correspondent. Nancy and her husband enjoyed a wonderful two-week Yale trip to China. There were informative Chinese guides at all their stops, who taught them about old and new China. They visited Beijing and The Great Wall, Wohan, Xian and the terra cotta warriors, Chongging, Shanghai, and enjoyed a five-day cruise on the Yangtze, which included the gorges and a tour of the dam. Nancy said it was the trip of a lifetime, opening their eyes to a part of the world they knew little about and making them great admirers of the Chinese.

Roselin Seider Wagner is thrilled beyond words that her granddaughter, Ariel Naomi Wagner, will

be entering Barnard this spring as a first year. Ariel represents the third generation of the Wagner family at Barnard—Ariel's mother, Phyllis Furman Wagner, graduated in 1982. Ariel will study for a semester at Machon Gold in Jerusalem.

Roselin, professor emeritus at Hofstra, still teaches one day a week. She loves the contact with young people and the chemistry department is so congenial that it's difficult to break the cord. She says that retirement keeps her very busy. Part-time teaching, bridge, running a Yiddish club, her book group, and raising money for Barnard as class fund co-chair make for a full schedule. She and her husband, David, attend the theater and museums frequently and have taken some wonderful trips within the United States and abroad. And of course their three children and eight grandchildren, ages 4 to 18, occupy a large part of their lives.

Recently Judge **Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum** graciously hosted a meeting of our class officers at her chambers in the U.S. courthouse to plan our 55th reunion. Besides Miriam, those present were **Rose Sgammato Annis, Marjorie (Peggy) Lange, Maureen McCann Miletta, Irma Socci Moore, Gloria Spamer Rennert, Cecile Singer**, and Roselin Seider Wagner. We're open to your suggestions to make this reunion an event.

We received notice that **Ruth Enders Greenamyre** died in June. At the time of her death she was a mediator with the meditation center in Yonkers, and a board member of both the YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester and the White Plains Women's Club. She was also past president of the Barnard-in-Westchester club, and a docent at the New York Botanical Garden. An avid amateur violinist, she supported local chamber music groups and events and coordinated the Laurentian summer music festival for young string musicians. She was married to the late Charles Worth Greenamyre.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$52,431

PARTICIPATION:

52% (103 DONORS/198 IN CLASS)

Marisa Macina Hagan sent the following happy note: "When **Alice Kogan Chandler** married not long after graduation, she and Horace did not have a large wedding, mostly because each of them had recently lost a parent. So they made up for it with a lovely 50th anniversary celebration on June 9, 2004, at the Lotos Club in Manhattan. The guests represented various phases of the Chandlers' lives during the past half century and I represented a voice from Barnard '51." Happy anniversary Alice and Horace!

Carol Vogel Towbin also went to an anniversary party: "May 30, 2004, was the 50th anniversary of Herbert and **Lucille Gottlieb Porter**—a wonderful celebration! Arnold and **Paula Weltz Spitalny** and I were there with their friends and family." Carol enclosed a copy of a decoration that was on each table, entitled: "The Anniversary Times." Under such headings as "Music Memories," "That Was Then," "Headlines of the Times," were listed many memories we all share. Happy anniversary, Lucille and Herbert!

Frances Conway Van Steenburgh writes that her husband of 52 years, Russell E. Van Steenburgh, died on December 19, 2003. Please accept our heartfelt condolences, Frances. We hope that the love of family and friends sustains you.

Sadly, I received this note from **Doris Rogers Kuhns**: "My beloved husband, Will, died last July after a brave battle against ill health. We had a wonderful time at our 50th reunion

in 2001—he was a Columbia College and International Studies graduate. I have been keeping busy in Santa Barbara, Calif., and have a strong support group, especially my three children who live in Los Angeles." We're thinking of you, Doris, and send our deepest sympathy.

The Alumnae Records office informed me that **Barbara Ritter Hardcastle** passed away May 13, 2002. She is survived by four children to whom we send belated sincere condolences.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$49,721

PARTICIPATION:

57% (128 DONORS/224 IN CLASS)

Nancy Stone Hayward writes that she was sorry to have missed reunion but she was with her husband, Gary, at his M.I.T. reunion. The Haywards also visited their son Roger and his family in California and were looking forward to a visit with their son Mark, an Army physician's assistant stationed in Texas. When not traveling, Nancy volunteers at the Falmouth (Mass.) Historical Commission and, with her husband, also collects water samples for the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay.

Speaking of reunion, **Claire Delage Metz, Ruth Ryskind Ohman**, and I met at this year's reunion to see a performance in the Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium by members of the Dance Theatre of Harlem. Founder Arthur Mitchell spoke about the company's beginnings and how the dancers are trained. The dancers were excellent.

Alice (Elly) Ribbink-Goslinga writes from Holland that her daughter, Liesbeth, and her son, Eddie, and their families live nearby. She therefore sees her five grandchildren, ages 1 to 11, often.

Neera Karve Athavale reports that she helps care for her infant

grandson, Ananda, child of Neera's daughter, Anjali. To my delight, Neera told me Ananda's name means Joy.

Eloise Ashby Andrus visited **Mary Larter Laurich** at Mary's home in Munising, Mich., last Fourth of July weekend. Eloise's husband, Alvin, their daughter Jessica Lindstrom, and Jessica's children also attended.

Nan Heffelfinger Johnson writes that she and her husband, Bill, have given up their condo in Rochester, N.Y., and moved permanently into their home in Kitty Hawk, N.C. Nan continues for one more year as founding president of Friends of the Women's Rights National Park in Seneca Falls, N.Y. She and her husband also serve on

the National Council for Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown, N.Y., and, in North Carolina, the Network for Endangered Sea Turtles, "a good excuse for sitting on the beach on moonlit evenings," she says.

Edith (Edie) Richmond Schwartz is recovering from a thalamic stroke and would love to hear from you. If you e-mail me at pegmaron@aol.com, I'll give you Edie's e-mail address, or you can look her up in the alumnae online directory at www.barnard.edu/alum.

Gloria Wyeth Neumeier and her husband, Ed, spent the spring semester teaching at the American University of Kosovo, a new college sponsored by the Rochester Institute of Technology. "Next to teaching in China right after the Cultural Revolution, this was the most interesting cultural experience we have had," she writes. Gloria finished the summer lecturing on a cruise ship around Norway and the Baltic. "The contrast between these very rich places, the rich Americans and Europeans on the ships, and life in the Balkans was quite a culture shock," she says.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of classmate **Katherine Stains Van Aarle**? If so, please get in touch with Alumnae Affairs or me (or both).

Our heartfelt condolences to **Ronnie Myers Eldridge**, her husband, Jimmy Breslin, and their children on the untimely death of Jimmy's daughter Rosemary Breslin, a noted journalist and screenwriter.

We also offer condolences to **Barbara Bonoff Gettinger** on the loss of her husband, Dr. Stephen Gettinger.

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We have news of another anniversary. **Beatriz (Trixie) Freund De Wolff** and her husband, Pierre, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They live in San Salvador, El Salvador. They have one daughter, Jackie, and one granddaughter, who live in California. Trixie and Pierre are avid bridge players.

Harold and **Joan Hurwitz Ludman** have decided to leave Westbury, N.Y., after 46 years and relocate to Boynton Beach, Fla. Harold retired from practicing medicine and they're looking forward to enjoying their new surroundings.

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54 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$90,710

PARTICIPATION:

71% (160 DONORS/226 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:
\$636,372

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Spurred by seeing our memory book, **Joan Goodman Sonnenschein** sent an e-mail with what she would've liked to include. It told an amusing anecdote of a supercilious greeting by a Mount Holyoke student who, upon hearing of Joan's acceptance to Barnard, exclaimed "Oh, Barnard! Congratulations!" After that, Joan's dad would use that sarcastic tone and phrase whenever Joan pulled a boner. A psychometrician who designed tests for Harcourt, Joan now travels "as much as resources allow," often with **Pauline Robrish Leeds**. Pauline, who managed information systems for DuPont, is still active in the Special Library Association. She spends two months a year in New

53 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$160,166

PARTICIPATION:

58% (136 DONORS/235 IN CLASS)

Zealand and loves it.

Speaking of lands down under, **Geraldine Kirshenbaum Lane** wins hands down as the attendee who came the longest distance to our 50th reunion. Gerry lives in Australia, and welcomes any visiting classmate. **Sally Seidgoff Krieger** came the second-longest distance, from Israel. She reported life is hard, but her children and grandchildren live there and she feels there'd be no better place than Jerusalem if there were peace. She has learned to live with the situation, as we here are beginning to. Sally stayed with **Edith Rand Lauten** while here. Edith, a retired psychologist, worked for the Jewish Board of Guardians. Now she takes gallery and art courses at the New School and enjoys collecting art.

Elizabeth (Holly) Stabler and **Jane Webb D'Arista** meet frequently halfway between their respective homes in Rhode Island and Connecticut. They enjoy gardening and write poetry "when they can make space in their lives." Holly sings in various choruses and is active in her church community. Jane is a self-taught, well-known specialist in international finance.

Fernande Couturier Auslander, who sailed on the original Queen Mary in 1958, sailed on the new one this June with her sister's family. The plan was to be in Paris for Bastille Day and then to spend time in London. When home, she and **Sally Aronowitz** frequently meet in Manhattan to shop or just enjoy each other's company.

Elizabeth Le Bourhis, who received a Ph.D. from Columbia and an M.D. from University of Southern California, has an active career in pediatrics and finds her greatest satisfaction in "helping people who couldn't help themselves" through her work in public health and preventative medicine.

Arlene Kelley Winer represented the 1950s on a panel entitled "Historical Perspectives on the Barnard-Columbia Relationship" held in Sulzberger Parlor. Ann

Whitney Olin Professor of History Rosalind Rosenberg moderated the panel, part of the Columbia 250 celebration, for Barnard students, faculty, and staff.

Yours truly enjoyed having her 11-year-old granddaughter visit for the first time without her parents this summer. I treated her to a Broadway show and dinner at Barbetta's, where we ran into proprietor **Laura Maioglio**.

I regret to have to report the death of **Alice Wyman Crozier** in April, and send the class's sincerest condolences to her family.

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50TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$81,288

PARTICIPATION:

55% (120 DONORS/219 IN CLASS)

Classmates have been steadfast in their work on reunion committees, drumming up enthusiasm for our 50th, June 2-5, 2005. On Sept. 8 the networking committee met; on Sept. 22, the fund committee met; and on Oct. 27, Reunion Chair **Renee Becker Swartz** hosted a luncheon at the Vagelos Alumnae Center for the entire reunion committee.

Florence Federman Mann, chair of the networking committee, writes that she and members **Carol Held Scharff** and **Barbara Kahn Gaba** are indebted to the regional co-captains who have been contacting each alumna in her area. By Thanksgiving all alumnae should have been contacted for a preliminary assessment of attendance at reunion.

Evelyn Salerno Isbester responded to the reunion invitation from networking captain **Carol Gold Salomon** with an update of her activities. Her husband's career resulted in them living in Switzerland for 15 years and Moscow for six years, in addition to South America and other

parts of Europe. Before retiring to what she describes as "a beautiful farmhouse near Vichy, France," she and her husband lived in Rostov-on-Don, Russia. From time to time she worked as a translator and was a member of the Swiss Translators Society in Geneva. Now widowed, she enjoys giving poetry readings and playing her piano. Her son lives in Zurich, Switzerland, and is director of communications for a bank. Her daughter lives in Connecticut.

In addition to her reunion activities, Renee Becker Swartz is president of the Barnard Club of Monmouth County and was nominated by President Bush in June to serve on the National Museum and Library Services Board for the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Once confirmed by the U.S. Senate, she'll be one of 20 members of the board that administers federal library and museum programs and distributes more than \$254 million in grant funds.

The Barnard Club of Monmouth County held its annual luncheon to benefit the scholarship fund on July 27 at the Ocean Beach Club in Elberon, N.J. Six members of our class were there. In addition to Renee and me, the event was attended by **Elaine Adler-Amrani**, **Tamara Rippner Casriel**, **Doris Joyner Griffin**, and **Louise Cohen Silverman**.

Dasha Amsterdam Epstein, a Broadway producer, started out as an assistant to the playwright Lillian Hellman. Dasha won two Tony Awards for "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Children of a Lesser God," and received two Drama Desk awards and the Drama Critics Circle and Outer Critics awards for "Master Harold and the Boys." Among other achievements, Dasha is vice president of the American Theater Wing, on the board of the O'Neill Theater Center, on the advisory committee of CUNY-TV, and on the visiting committee of the New School. When her mentor, Professor Howard Teichman, was still teaching at Barnard, Dasha attended one lecture

each semester for his course on producing. Dasha's daughter is an artist and her son is with the police force in Florida. She's a proud new grandmother of Henry Epstein, named after her late husband.

Other proud grandmothers include **Beth Swartzman Schatman**, whose fifth grandchild, Samuel Eli, was born in June; and **Marilyn Chananie Graton**, whose granddaughter, Sophie Barabas, was also born in June.

Sadly, I report the death of **Janet Fiore Bertero** on Feb. 25. She was employed as an administrator at Beekman Hospital in New York before retirement. She leaves a son, a daughter, and one granddaughter.

Finally, on a happy note, we have a new bride in our class. **Mary A. Brown** was married to Lawrence Cannaday, M.D., on April 24; she changed her name to Mary Brown Cannaday. Congratulations.

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has just been appointed the 14th dean of Columbia Law School. Her daughter Mimi Laudau is a pediatrician; her other daughter Debbie Scott is a professor of humanities at Temple University in Philadelphia. Hazel says she and her husband, Zev, still practice law and "are very much enjoying our five grandchildren who range in age from 6 years to 4 months."

Cherie A. Gaines notifies us that her name and deeds appear in three Marquis Who's Who publications: *Who's Who in American Law*, 12th edition and fourth edition, and *Who's Who of American Women*, 15th edition.

Carol Cabe Kaminsky and **Ruth Young** went on their second "walking trip" to England in June. The spent a week in the South Downs. Carol also sent this message to her classmates: "With all of us having a big birthday this year, *carpe diem!*" Amen.

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tle there permanently and are in the process of selling their house in Portland, Maine.

Carol Zudiker Alexander writes, "Since taking early retirement in 1996 to care for my mother, who is now deceased, I have been traveling to some very interesting places: Northern India, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, and the Galapagos Islands. My next trip, planned for October, will be to China to see the country, including the 3 Gorges area before it is submerged."

Rayna Schwartz Zeidenberg and her husband, Phil, traveled from their home in Huntington Beach, Calif., to Cambridge, Mass., in June to attend Phil's 50th Harvard reunion. There she met Louise Drucker Orkin and her husband, Leonard. The Orkins live in Park Slope, Brooklyn. **Dorothea Eidenberg Ellern** and **Louise Greene Klaber** met by chance on the bus to Washington to take part in the March for Women's Lives last April. About 1.15 million women marched, including Dorothea's daughter and mother-in-law, who traveled from California.

Francine Forte Abeles and her husband, Ernest, were attending a conference at Cambridge University in England when they learned that they had a new grandchild, Ryan Paul King. Fran recommends the University Women's Club in Mayfair as "a thoroughly delightful place in which to stay" in London.

Eva Kessler Bacal hopes to move to Washington, D.C., next January, at least part time. She's a Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in Congressional District 8. Eva writes: "I have been busy since leaving Barnard and I plan to be even busier." She has spent the past 12-plus years as an assistant attorney general in Arizona. Before that, she worked part-time as advertising and PR director in her husband's family business and raised five kids, was an elected school board member, a national chair of the Council of Urban Boards of Education, and an

56 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$72,840

PARTICIPATION:

59% (168 DONORS/285 IN CLASS)

Alice Beck Kehoe, who has been retired from teaching anthropology since 1999, has put her time to good use. She's been writing "happily uninterrupted by students," she says. Her 2002 book, *America Before the European Invasions*, was favorably reviewed in the *New York Review of Books* and the third edition of her book *North American Indians* will be published next spring. She lives in Milwaukee.

Hannah Klein Katz, writes from Ma'aleh Adumim, Israel, that she recently lost her husband, Paul M. Katz. "We were married almost 47 years, raised four sons, and have been blessed with 11 grandchildren."

Hazel G. Schizer, who lives in Brooklyn, writes that her son, David,

57 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$37,396

PARTICIPATION:

54% (152 DONORS/284 IN CLASS)

Travel notes from all over: **Lillian Tabeeek Africano** and her daughter, Nina Africano '84, have just published the second edition of *The Insiders' Guide to the Jersey Shore* (Globe Pequot). Lillian says that her writing assignments have taken her everywhere from the North Pole to Antarctica and now she's editor-in-chief of a new Web-based spa magazine, spareviewmag.com.

Susan Green Adleman and her husband, Jay, had an enjoyable visit in June with **Cornelia Grunge Norris** and her husband, Chuck, in Portland, Ore. The Norrises have been staying there for the past year and a half to be close to Cornelia's older daughter, Kate, and her two little boys. Now they've decided to set-

ex-officio member of the National School Boards Association. "I went to law school with one of my kids, while I was still serving on my school board. Now I have a tough race ahead. I have primary opposition and then face a 20-year Republican incumbent. I welcome advice and support from my fellow alums. My Web page is: evabacalforcongress.com."

Not travel but noteworthy nevertheless: **Maida Jane Bauman Sperling's** photos were on display at the Greenwich Village Center of the Children's Art Society this past summer and **Toby Goldman's** watercolors can be seen online at www.tobygoldman.com.

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ering from knee replacement surgery. Her rehab experience, far from an ordeal, was "wonderful!" The facility had good food, massage therapy, pets on site, and jungle gym equipment and picnic tables "so the family could visit Grandma." We should all be so lucky! When fully recovered, Ellen plans to return to her volunteer work—she had been teaching a writing class for ESL students, and received a Star Volunteer award from the Fairfax County, Va., Public Library Board of Trustees for this work.

"I guess 'alive and doing' is enough with which to be satisfied," reports **Janet Lowe Gerstman**, adding "I am grateful to have my wonderful husband of almost 47 years with whom to enjoy retirement."

Maida Zuparn Maxham writes: "Thanks to Class Notes **Barbara Reider Stevelman** caught up with me on Sanibel, where we both manage to endure the brutal winters. We stage our own mini-reunions periodically ... Inevitably, food is involved. Although we did not know one another during [our] college years, there is definitely a Barnard bond!"

Judith Eckman-Jadow moderated a panel at the Division of Psychoanalysis, American Psychological Association in Miami this spring. The French film "An Affair of Love" provided the basis for the panel's examination of papers with disparate viewpoints about the relationship between love and desire. Judith has been lecturing and writing on psychoanalysis and film for about 10 years, in addition to a private practice and supervision of student candidates in psychoanalytic training. Her daughter, Ann, graduated from Columbia Law School in May and has signed on with the law firm Proskauer Rose LLP.

In March, Dr. **Annette Raymon Smith** received the 2004 Award for Lifetime Achievement, given jointly by the California chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Region

E, and the San Diego/Imperial chapter of the California Society for Clinical Social Work. During her long career, Annette specialized in treatment for and rehabilitation of the chemically dependent. Until her retirement last year, she served on the faculty at San Diego State University School of Social Work. Under the auspices of SDSU, she developed and directed one of the largest counseling and educational programs in California for people convicted of driving under the influence, and was on an advisory committee that helped develop statewide regulations for DUI programs.

My co-correspondent, **Marcia Spelman De Fren**, had lunch with Annette at Marcia's home. Annette "just bought a house in Naples, Fla., and will be moving down here soon," Marcia writes. "We did some work at the piano, resurrecting the Junior Show. We may have some fun stuff for the 50th reunion."

—HRS

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58 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$54,993

PARTICIPATION:

49% (148 DONORS/302 IN CLASS)

Good news! Barnard has set up the listserv we requested after our 45th reunion so we could continue the wonderful discussion we had during two breakfast meetings. I will "moderate" the list. Our Co-Presidents **Doris Platzker Friedensohn** and **Carol Schott Sterling** have agreed to provide focus by raising questions and presenting topics in the way they did so well at our reunion. If you wish to participate you need to subscribe to the list. Contact Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005, for instructions on how to do this.

Carol attended Barnard's awards dinner in May and was the lucky bidder in the silent auction for three prizes, including an ice skating lesson with Robin Wagner '80, coach of Olympic Gold Medalist, Sarah Hughes.

Ellen Weintrob Schor is recov-

59 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$122,664

PARTICIPATION:

64% (197 DONORS/309 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:

\$1,244,749

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Coralie (Corky) Marcus Bryant reports that her family is fine and she

went camping with her grandchildren in Colorado. The book she co-authored, *Going Global: Transforming International Relief and Development Organizations*, is doing very well. She has another book on global poverty coming out soon. "I will only be half time at Columbia's School for International and Public Affairs this coming year, but still will be very busy as I am helping L'Institut d'études politique in Paris with their international development program," she writes.

Alice Lotvin Birney's daughter moved back home to Washington, D.C., after 10 years in Italy. Her son-in-law is completing U.S. veterinary practice qualifications while her first grand-baby gets acquainted with her American family. Alice is busy planning Walt Whitman events for 2005 in connection with her position as the literary manuscript specialist of the Library of Congress.

Judith Spiegler Adler and her husband, Jack, participated in the wedding of their youngest daughter, Danielle, a social worker, and Emmett Witchel, a professor at the University of Texas. **Adela Bernard Karliner** and her husband, Joel, joined in the celebration. **Henrietta Schloss Barkey** and her husband, Allen, met the couple at an engagement party, as did Marianne Lowenkopf Sussman '60 and her husband, Bob. It was a difficult winter for the Adlers, with elderly mothers in the hospital, but this celebration helped to top off the year. Adela and Joel were with the Adlers when they met their daughter Sharon's beau in Sebastopol, Calif. Thank goodness for those marvelous Barnard connections!

Frances Horak Caterini reports that **Janet Steinfeld Feldman** died from a sudden heart attack on June 10. Janet was the glue that held her family, friends, and old classmates together. She organized Bryant High School honors program reunions every five years for the past 30 years; attended reunions at Barnard; kept the minutes for her book group; and was instrumental in organizing family reunions. Janet

retired from her job with B'nai Brith about 15 years ago, and since that time had devoted herself to making life warmer and richer for her family and her friends. She is survived by her husband, Marty Feldman (CC), two children, and four grandchildren.

Betty and Renee have been kind enough to offer to gather news for one more column but will no longer be the official class correspondents. If anyone is interested taking on the job please contact Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005, or one of your class officers.

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45TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

60 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$66,358

PARTICIPATION:
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61 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$85,529

PARTICIPATION:
46% (133 DONORS/290 IN CLASS)

Margaret Niederberger Dickey writes from her new home in Hickory, N.C., that she has retired from managing her husband's endocrinology practice now that he's retired. She's devoting her time to travel, golf, and her three granddaughters. On May 7, she made a hole-in-one!

Vivian Finsmith Sobchack writes from Los Angeles, that she has been the associate dean of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television for 12 years. A film and media scholar, she's also on the board of directors of the American Film Institute.

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62 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$107,698

PARTICIPATION:
51% (156 DONORS/305 IN CLASS)

Rita Gabler Rover is the proud grandmother of Calvin James, born June 1. The baby's parents are her daughter Elena Rover Strothenke '88 and Bruce Strothenke. Elena is an editor and writer at *Health*; Bruce is director of technology for the Carmel, N.Y., school district and an adjunct professor at Teachers College. They live in Bronxville, N.Y. Calvin is Rita's first biological grandchild. She has four step-grandchildren. Mazel tov!

Maya Rosenfeld Freed Brown's daughter, Adrienne, had a baby girl, Naomi Danielle, in May. Another Mazel tov!

When they retired, **Jessie Heitner Donahue** and her husband, Jack, moved from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Wellington, Ohio, to be closer to their grandchildren (their son Jack lives in Cleveland). Jack was a professor of geology at the University of Pittsburgh and is now a model railroader and coin collector. Jessie, who was a lecturer in geology and a horsewoman, now owns two horses and loves to ride. Their granddaughter, Caitlin, 2, just loves the horses, even more so than her brother, Kevin, 4. The Donahues' other son, Michael, lives in Arlington, Va.

Libby Guth Fishman writes: "In June, we bought a new home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. We will use it part time for now. I am busier than ever making dolls and doing volunteer work. I am working on a series of art dolls honoring female artists and just finished Louise Nevelson, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Diane Arbus. I find it takes a lot of time since I have to do so much research first. My dolls are going to be in a show next year, so I have to get busy. I still can't believe I am doing this, but I am having so much fun."

Rosalie Sacks Levine writes: "On June 7, I leave for a sabbatical year in Israel. This will be 'My Junior/Senior Year Abroad' or 'Rosalie's Big Adventure.' I'll be living in Jerusalem, studying Hebrew, and volunteering." Alumnae in Israel who'd like to contact Rosalie can find her information on the online directory at www.barnard.edu/alum.

Carol Murton Lavis and her husband, Art (CC '61), celebrated their 40th anniversary with friends and family in May. Their children, Linda, of Raleigh, N.C.; Kathy, of San Diego; and Art, Jr., of Park Slope, Brooklyn, threw them a terrific party. Their 6-year-old grandson, Aidan, joined them. Carol retired from her position at Pearson Education, Prentice Hall in 2003. She enjoys drawing and watercolor classes, museum and gallery visits, working with church groups, and administering an outreach program to single mothers and their babies. She and Art plan to travel and visit friends and family.

Angela Adamides Bodino was chosen to be the New Jersey Carnegie Professor of the Year in 1998. She's the only community college professor to be so named in the state. Angela edited a book entitled *Global Racism: Reader*, published earlier this year by M.E. Sharpe.

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63 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$61,991

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64 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$200,986

PARTICIPATION:
56% (202 DONORS/359 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:
\$909,055

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Sincere thanks are due to all those who contributed their time and money to raise more than \$200,000 for Barnard during the 2003-04 fiscal year, earning a second plaque honoring the class in Reunion Courtyard. News from reunion demonstrates that our lives are full of changes, as discussed at an evening panel on the transitions we face in our 60s.

Susan Woolworth Stafford reported looking forward with anticipation to the summer. "While my husband (of 43 years!) is riding his bicycle 3,300 miles following the trail

of Lewis and Clark from St. Louis to Astoria, Ore., I will be enjoying a series of travels to Paris, Chicago, Aspen, Santa Fe, and Hudson, N.Y. We will reunite in August and spend a month at Rehoboth Beach, Del., with our sons, daughters-in-law, and 2-1/2-year-old grandson. Needless to say, we love being retired."

Sandra Heimer Saydah enjoys living in northern Virginia, where she "started a new job that found me when I thought I was retiring." She's "very proud of both my daughter, Sharon, who is an epidemiologist and son, Ben, who is a chemical engineer, [and] glad to have seen so many people at reunion."

As of this spring, **Judith Gurland** is "happily divorced," while son Avi (Oz) Blaker graduated *summa cum laude* from New York University's Gallatin School of Individualized Studies. He's a stand-up comedian living in Manhattan. Judy is assistant director of ophthalmology of Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, the teaching hospital of Albert Einstein College of Medicine Center, where she is also associate professor of pediatric ophthalmology.

Emily Fox Kales is a clinical psychologist specializing in eating disorders on the faculties of Harvard Medical School and Northeastern University. She writes, "A new passion for film and psychoanalysis is leading me to teaching and writing about images of gender and the body in cinema." Her most recent article, published in *The International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, discussed the cultural binary in the movie "Fatal Attraction." Emily's first grandchild was born in May to her son, Matthew, and his wife.

Jane Simon is a psychiatrist in private practice in Manhattan and has served as medical director at Blanton Peale Counseling Center, after previously specializing in forensic pathology. While consulting at a drug treatment center, she developed an interest in writing poetry with the assistance of a poetry therapist there. Jane, who missed reunion due to her appointment as a fellow of the

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, has two daughters and travels extensively. She also participates in a class at the Barnard Center for Research on Women.

Muriel Dimen is a psychoanalyst in Manhattan and teaches and supervises at the postdoctoral program in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis at City University of New York. She was formerly a professor of anthropology at CUNY. Her third book, *Sexuality, Intimacy, Power*, was published in 2003.

Marguerite Stratton is a psychotherapist in private practice who enjoys living in New York and seeing friends from Barnard and Hunter College High School. She's "very aware of the need to take charge of my life—health, emotional and spiritual well being, aging, and the diffi-

culties and joys of ordinary life. Change is inevitable; growth is optional." Marguerite values friends, art, music, dance (especially the Argentine tango), theater, nature, work, and "the life of the mind as well as the life of experiences."

Helen Meltzer Krim earned a Ph.D. in art history at Columbia in 1975 but switched careers and is now vice president business analyst at Bank of New York. Her husband is compliance officer at ABN Amro Bank. Her daughter Julia is majoring in biology at St. Andrews University in Scotland. Her daughter Alice studies voice at Talent Unlimited High School in New York and plays on the soccer team.

Sadly, we learned that **Deanna Daniel** passed away on Feb. 14.

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40TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$70,242

PARTICIPATION:
46% (144 DONORS/316 IN CLASS)

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ALUMNA PROFILE: LIDA ORZECK '68

Hanky Panky Pays Off

Lida Orzeck '68 never planned to become a "garmy," a member of the garment industry. So if someone had told the psychology major that she'd one day land on the front page of *The Wall Street Journal* talking about thong underwear produced by her women's apparel company, she might not have believed it.

Orzeck, CEO of Hanky Panky, started the business in 1977 with Gale Epstein (whom she met through her Barnard roommate Marilyn Freund '68).

The idea for the company was hatched after Epstein gave Orzeck an embroidered bra and bikini set made of handkerchiefs for her 30th birthday. Until that point, Orzeck, who picked up a doctorate in social psychology at Teachers College after Barnard, was working for the city on contract projects. The idea of getting into the business world piqued her interest, and the

women soon became business partners, pooling \$15,000 in seed money. "Gale made the samples and I took shopping bags to Lord & Taylor and Macy's," Orzeck recalls. "I didn't go to one store where I was rejected."

At Hanky Panky, which now has more than 60 employees, Epstein is the designer and Orzeck is the sales whiz. Their famous thong, model 4811, which indeed graced the pages of *The Journal*, has been called the most comfortable thong in the world, Orzeck says. "Comfort is one of our top design priorities."

A native of Flatbush, Brooklyn, Orzeck was a natural saleswoman at an early age—she once took things from the family's cabinets and sold them at her elementary school. During her years at Barnard, she always had a job, mainly working as a typesetter for the



Columbia Daily Spectator.

Today, Orzeck lives on the Upper West Side with her partner, playwright Susan Miller. She and her business partner still get along after 27 years, their business is thriving—Hanky Panky products are sold in thousands of boutiques around the country—and she's still interested in what she does. "I did not expect this, but I've never looked back."

—Julia Cosgrove '02

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$63,875

PARTICIPATION:
41% (127 DONORS/308 IN CLASS)

Joy Markman Davis is a prenatal nutritionist at the Greenburgh Health Center in Westchester. She and her family have been traveling a lot (Costa Rica, Germany, Guatemala, Madeira, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland, as well as many trips in the United States and Canada). She's fortunate that 5-year-old Ethan, who's starting kindergarten, is a good traveler! Joy is also the mother of two adult children, Deana and Jeremy, and grandmother of 4-year-old Max.

Marjorie Feiman Magid recently returned from a trip to Paris and the south of France. Although she hasn't taught French for many years, she still considers herself "an ardent Francophile." A real estate broker with the Halstead Property Company, she sells co-ops, condos, and townhouses. Marjorie and her

husband, Steven, a computer programmer, live on the Upper West Side and have a country house in Saugerties, N.Y., where she has developed a great love of gardening.

Phyllis Gila Steinlight Reinstein is assistant director of public affairs at Yale and is president of Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, "a lively Conservative egalitarian synagogue of about 250 families in New Haven." She lives in a four-story brownstone just a few blocks from work, with a small private garden that includes a fishpond. Her three sons are all "doing well." Ezra is an entertainment lawyer in Los Angeles; David is pursuing a doctorate in economics at University of California, Berkeley; and Gabriel is a financial analyst for Bain Capital.

Jane Geller Epstein reports that her husband, Jerry, has recovered from successful prostate cancer surgery and has jumped back into his demanding schedule as executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Since retiring from her own career as an early childhood educator and administrator, Jane has been accompanying him on his business travels, bringing her camera with her. She has improved her skills by taking a correspondence course in photography. "My camera has helped me to appreciate what I see around me, both the scenery and the people. I don't always get the best pictures, but I'm working at it," says Jane.

Amy Richman Mayer is a Rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary and will spend this year in Israel. She says she loves learning subjects in which she has always been interested but never had sufficient time to study. Amy is the mother of three daughters and has three granddaughters. Her eldest daughter is a psychiatrist at New York Psychiatric Hospital doing research on anorexia and bulimia. Her middle daughter lives in Virginia and does work on telecommunications in underdeveloped countries. The youngest daughter lives in New York and freelances as an information

architect for Web sites.

After being downsized from her position as a principal in the IBM Consulting Group, **Patricia Savoie** has a new career doing something she really loves. Putting her MBA to use, she has purchased and now runs a retail wine store called Big Nose Full Body in Park Slope, Brooklyn. She'd like all the oenophiles among us to note that she delivers to Manhattan and does parties and weddings.

On a personal note, **Sheila Insoft Weinstein** has a new granddaughter and I have a new grandniece. Charlotte Alvina Weinstein was born in June to Sheila's son (my nephew) Stephen (CC '91) and his wife, Anne, residents of Bermuda.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$122,069

PARTICIPATION:
47% (150 DONORS/322 IN CLASS)

Barbara (Babs) Suddath Strickland reports that after graduating, she married and taught French at the secondary level before returning to graduate school at the University of Virginia to complete a Ph.D. in French literature. She then taught at UVA until 1980, when she began law school there. Her first marriage ended shortly after she completed law school. Babs then moved back to Jacksonville, Fla., her hometown, to begin a career in corporate law. In 1992, she was appointed by then-Governor Chiles as the first woman board member of the Jacksonville Port Authority and became chairperson in 1995. She met and married her second husband, Bob Strickland, and they bought a farm in western North Carolina. Babs commuted weekends to their retreat. Her only child Anne Suratt died in a plane crash in 1997 as she was finishing her senior year at the University of Illinois. "This shattered life as I had known it." Babs left

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the law firm but continued as counsel for a family business, headquartered in Jacksonville. She and Bob recently bought a 2,000-acre tract next to their farm to save the land from intense development. They hope to place 1,500 acres in a conservancy and develop the remainder as horse farms. They plan to create an educational forest in Anne's name in the core of the preserve so her name and memory will live on.

Alice DeLucia teaches high school French in Manchester, N.H., where she lives with her husband, an attorney, and her teenage son, Stephen. Christine, her middle daughter, is in college; her eldest, Laura, just graduated from George Washington University.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$131,994

PARTICIPATION:

41% (156 DONORS/383 IN CLASS)

Hi there! I feel like I haven't written in ages! How've you been? I'd love to hear from you. If you have no news of your own, send along items about classmates. Here are a few examples.

Both **Karen Kaplowitz** and **Linda Rosen Garfunkel** noticed this article in *The Wall Street Journal*. It was titled "A Tiny Scrap of Fabric Wins a Huge Following" and it profiled **Lida Orzeck**, co-founder of Hanky Panky, a company that makes lace thong underpants (among other styles) that have gained extraordinary popularity among businesswomen. The article goes on to extol the virtues of the underpants and gives the history of their development as a product. Congratulations to Lida and her business partner on their success!

Karen also sent along this note about **Judith Soltz**, who is executive vice president and general counsel of Cigna. Judith was honored last June when Cigna was designated an

employer of choice by the Minority Corporate Counsel Association for its successful diversity initiatives.

A note from **Bronwen Murphy** via co-correspondent **Jerilyn (Jeri) Seife Famighetti**: "I have been living in Cambridge, Mass., for 27 years. I was a dancer and dressmaker for a while, but now I have a job in the office of student life at Harvard Divinity School, and I teach yoga classes and private lessons in my free time."

After 35 years (!), we received a note from **Marjorie (Marji) Yablon** about her life since Barnard. In summary: She went from acting to writing lyrics for commercials to producing videos and working as a journalist. Some of Marjorie's children have special needs, and her experience with them changed Marji's career; she now presents bilingual (sign and spoken) storytelling performances for children, featuring songs and stories of her own creation. A dedicated freelance soul, Marji loves living in New Paltz, N.Y., which she describes as politically aware and creative.

I'm preparing for retirement next June. After 35 years in the same school, I'll probably get involved with teacher training programs in the area once I leave Pelham. I've already had some offers. Jeff and I just celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary. We're still doing our theatricals in Manhattan with the Village Light Opera Group. Same old life—and not a bad one at that. Tell me about yours. Until then, be well.

—ASK

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$121,404

PARTICIPATION:

46% (199 DONORS/429 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING: \$588,501

Class Officers 2003-2008: President, Sherry Suttles; Correspondent, Lynne Spigelmire Viti; Fund Chair, Daphne Fodor Philipson.

Seana Anderson and her partner remodeled an old carriage house/mechanics garage in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Seana started seminary last fall and will become an interfaith ordained minister in May 2005. Her daughter Tamia had a baby boy last August and now she and her partner are grandmas!

Lora Sharnoff-Tamura writes that she has worked for the Ministry of Education in Japan since September 2002 while keeping her post at the University of Tokyo. Her contract has been renewed, and Lora is the only non-Japanese person working there.

Diane Drigot, a senior natural resources management specialist for the U.S. Department of Defense in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, was a finalist for the Service to America 2004 Science and Environment Medal. Diane was chosen on the basis of her work developing a national, award-winning natural resource conservation program that integrates military training, environmental protection, public involvement, and sustained community support. She writes, "Thanks to Barnard for helping me launch my successful career track!"

After years as a professor of philosophy, medicine, and law at New York University, **Frances Kamm** is now Littauer Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy at the Kennedy School, with a joint appointment in the philosophy department at Harvard.

Sheila Gallup's life is quite full, with a 14-year-old daughter entering high school, and an 11-year-old, musician-son in sixth grade. Sheila and her husband try to find time for themselves in the midst of their children's activities. Sheila works part time as a medical social worker at

Rose Medical Center in Denver.

Margarita Altamirano has been a deputy attorney general in California for the past decade. Margarita writes that she's still getting used to the fact of her Barnard roommate **Justine Mee Liff's** death last September, noting, "She was so important to her family and her community."

Ana Cheser Silbert joined the real estate firm Houlihan/Lawrence in Ardsley, N.Y. Ana was a school psychologist in Irvington, N.Y.

After a 17-year career as a litigation partner in a law firm, **Catherine Samuels** chaired the board of the National Organization for Women's Legal Defense Fund, and, in 1996, went to work at the Open Society Institute, a George Soros foundation. She founded and directs the program on law and society there. She has two children: Shani, 13, and Kate, 11.

Our best wishes to **Alice Einhorn**, who suffers from a serious arthritic condition, and hopes to have surgery soon to allow her to walk again.

Carol Stevenson Harlow moved from Massachusetts to San Francisco, and would love to meet up with a Barnard group there.

On the fund-raising front, **Daphne Fodor Philipson** reports that not only did our class raise more money for the College for our 35th reunion than we ever have in the past, but we also increased 111% from our previous record of giving! Our participation rate was 46%, up from 37% for our 30th reunion. Daphne thanks everyone who gave a gift in honor of our reunion and thanks to everyone who attended. We all had a super time and look forward to having even more classmates involved in our 40th!

With sadness we mark the death on Nov. 7, 2003, of **Aliza Kolker**. A professor of sociology at George Mason University for 28 years until she retired last fall, Aliza's areas of academic interest were aging, health, the Holocaust, and political sociology. She is survived by two sons and her husband, Kenneth Heitner, of Vienna, Va.

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35TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

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\$61,648

PARTICIPATION:

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\$72,628

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$65,284

PARTICIPATION:

38% (163 DONORS/427 IN CLASS)

Ellen Stockdale-Wolfe had photos in the group art exhibit for the 13th annual Dutchess Land Conservancy Farm Tour on Oct. 10 in Millbrook, N.Y.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$64,201

PARTICIPATION:

36% (163 DONORS/456 IN CLASS)

Summer has been busy for everyone, so when the deadline for this quarter's column crept up on me I was somewhat at a loss. Just back from a 10-day trip to Brazil, (my youngest, Sean, was

singing there with the Los Angeles Children's Choir), I realized I had absolutely nothing for the column. So I started a new tradition. I grabbed the class roster and started calling people. I began with the A's and caught up with three great classmates.

Janet Axelrod has lived in Cambridge, Mass., for the past 30 years, and has been married to a computer geek (her words), Tim Plenk, for the past 15 years. She's busy raising two kids—Eli, 14, and Stella, 8—and doing lots and lots of board work. She is an intrinsic part of South Africa Partners, an organization that facilitates partnerships between South Africa, Massachusetts, and beyond. She's also the chairman of the board of the Cambridge Public Library and knee-deep in plans to build a new library building. Thanks for taking my call, Janet.

Denise E. Bernhisel has traveled far since graduation. After getting her graduate degree at Columbia's Business School, she became a public accountant and spent years at various firms, Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) amongst them. Today she and her husband, Jack, an accountant and attorney, own and operate a 75-employee \$7 million/year marble and granite business in Salt Lake City, Utah. Three of her four kids are in California: Katie, 23, works for Arden Realty in corporate leasing; Elissa, 21, is at University of Southern California; and Sarah, 18, will be a freshman at Scripps this fall. Philip, 17, is finishing up high school this year. Denise sees herself as the epitome of baby boomdom and looks forward to life's next phase, when the kids are all in college and beyond.

Belinda Horton Cartens-Wickham is a tenured professor of German and chair of foreign languages and literature department at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. She spent a month in Berlin, where she attended Goethe Institute seminars about art and culture. She has four daughters, two from her first marriage and two from

her third. The oldest, Karoline, is in law school. The second oldest, Michelle, plays field hockey for Michigan State. They have made it to Division I semi-finals—a great accomplishment. Way to go Michelle! Her younger two girls, Miranda, 11, and Hannah, 6, are in sixth and first grades, respectively.

Belinda's husband, Rick Wickham, teaches high school German and coaches football, wrestling, and track and field. Belinda lives with her family near St. Louis and is interested in meeting other alumnae.

I just love making these phone calls. I'll keep going down the list each quarter, and I'll bounce around so don't think if I passed your letter that I won't call you. Please respond when I ring you up, so we can get up to speed on you and your life.

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University Press. She spends summers with her husband in their home in his village near Valence, France.

For the past 25 years, **Amy Sue Begel** has been in practice as a family therapist. She has a collaborative practice in Manhattan, where she treats couples and families. Amy created a project where she uses jazz musicians as consultants to therapy sessions, and has published a paper on this topic. She also plays jazz piano and sings. Amy lives in Teaneck, N.J., with her boyfriend and her 16-year-old son.

Rebecca (Becky) Fogel Downs Anderson lives in central Connecticut and works as a social worker in home health care. Her oldest daughter just graduated from Columbia and her two younger daughters just finished their first year of college, one at Drew and one at Barnard. Becky is a proud grandmother to her stepson's 4-year-old daughter, Azure.

Karen Hansen Melnick moved to Wilmington, Del., in 2000 with her husband of 27 years, David (CC '74). Karen is the editorial director of Doser Communications. Her daughter, Katie, graduated from Columbia in 2003 and her son James, 17, a junior at the Wilmington Friends School, will be attending the Iowa Writers' Workshop this summer.

Sheila Russian lives in Stevenson, Md., and is an attorney-mediator with a practice in primarily domestic cases. Sheila's also a rabbi and works part time at a congregation in Columbia, Md. She has two daughters: Karen, a college freshman, and Eva, a high school senior.

Suk Wong wrote, "This is my first reunion. I'm so glad to have come. I met a lot of women from the class whom I did not know when I was at Barnard. Barnard women were inspirational to me back in 1974. They are still inspirational to me now. It just confirms that I'm glad to have come back to Barnard."

Marlene Stulbach has been practicing "big firm law" since 1977 and is looking forward to a new beginning. She traveled to India this fall.

Joan Wan was also pleased to be at her first reunion and to see "so many faces from the past." Her daughter, Charlotte, just finished her first year at Columbia Engineering. Her son, Alex, is a high school junior and is looking at colleges now.

Also at reunion for the first time was **Nina Galletta**, who found it "a pleasure to be here and see everybody." She has two sons, one who started at Johns Hopkins this fall, and one who is a high school senior. Nina's in an architectural practice with her husband and a third partner in Brooklyn. She "hopes to see everyone back for the 35th reunion."

Living in Acton, Mass., for the past 14 years, **Sheryl Tattelman** has two children, 13 and 7. Sheryl works as an adolescent and family therapist in both a private practice and a group practice. She previously spent 20 years at a teen health service in the Lowell area.

Congratulations to **Jacqueline Kapelman Barton**, who received Dickenson College's Priestley Award this year for her new approach to studying DNA.

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30TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

74 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$200,093

PARTICIPATION:

41% (199 DONORS/482 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:

\$1,246,302

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More reunion news!

Tired of the two-city commute, **Leslie Calman**, with her fabulous son, Ben, 14, is about to move to Washington D.C., to live with her new partner, June Corvenbaum. Leslie works for Legal Momentum, formerly known as the Now Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Living outside of Boston, **Samuela (Sammi) Eckstut** writes ESL/EFL textbooks for Cambridge

75 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$71,116

PARTICIPATION:

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76 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$74,909

PARTICIPATION:

33% (146 DONORS/436 IN CLASS)

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77 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$76,096

PARTICIPATION:

38% (148 DONORS/391 IN CLASS)

Faith Paulsen writes that receiving the most recent issue of *Barnard* reminded her that she hadn't sent an update in a while. (This should send the rest of you scurrying to your computer, pen and paper, or phone so you can do the same.)

She writes: "Although I have published nonfiction, for the past few years I've been working on my fiction writing. I participate in workshops and writing classes, volunteer activities, yoga, chauffeuring the kids, etc. Also, next year I will be president of Home and School at the Solebury School in New Hope, Pa. Our three boys are growing up!" Her oldest, Judah Paulsen-Sacks, will enter Eugene Lang College—the liberal-arts college of The New School University—in the fall. "We plan to visit him often!" Seth is in the tenth grade at Solebury, and Gideon is in second grade at Oak Lane Day School in Blue Bell, Pa. "My husband, Barton Sacks, is president of Sidney Sacks Insurance, Inc. This brief summary barely scratches the surface of our lives and doesn't include all the family dinners, concerts, museums, school events, and visits with family and friends, including my parents, who now live a few miles away at Foulkeways Retirement Community. Best wishes to all my classmates!"

Write and tell us what fills your days.

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78 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$51,810

PARTICIPATION:

33% (159 DONORS/477 IN CLASS)

It's clear now that I'll do anything to see my name in print. If you make a bequest to Barnard in your will, you automatically become an acknowledged member of The Athena Society.

How exciting! My name in print and I didn't have to meet any deadlines to get it there! Accordingly, I have arranged to leave a chunk of the fabulous Barnard estate to my alma mater. This is not only to help future generations of women. It's also to recognize that I would not be who or where I am without Barnard. I continue to learn and grow now thanks to the inspiration and guidance I received there. Things I heard in classes are just now beginning to wend their way into the "aha!" portion of my brain.

And this is not just a line I'm handing you. Barnard had such a profound effect that who I am today is inseparable from that formative experience. Acknowledging Barnard in my will is a small thank you. If you want to do the same, contact the planned giving office at 212-854-0787 or plannedgiving@barnard.edu for proper wording or other options. Alternatively, if you want to leave all your worldly goods to me, contact me directly!

Erica (Ricky) Snow Arbron is doing a balancing act, but not for Ringling Bros. "I'm lucky enough to have the best of both worlds—working out of my home and, after Aly, 14, and Jake, 12, are home from school, I am able to be like a stay-at-home mom." Erica is managing and investing in commercial real estate.

We have sad news from **Laney McHarry**; although unorthodox, I'd like to mention it in this column. Laney's mother, Elizabeth Poston McHarry, died earlier this year at age 88 in her hometown in Iowa. Laney wrote so passionately of her mom that I'd like to include some of her words: "My mother was a pioneer in

every sense of the word. She was a 1940 graduate of Drake University with a major in journalism, putting herself through college by working at her local town paper. She moved to New York and got a job as night editor at United Press International. After the death of my dad, Charles K. McHarry, in 1976, my mother bought a small town weekly and was publisher and editor of the *Ferndale Enterprise* in California for more than 20 years. She was determined that I go to Barnard and I will ever be grateful. She will be missed."

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79 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$78,807

PARTICIPATION:

39% (186 DONORS/477 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:

\$346,337

Class Officers 2003-2008: President, Deborah Newman Shapiro; Vice President and Reunion Chair, Amy Cogan Ramson; Fund Chairs, Lisa Kalus Hendler and Terry Newman; Correspondent, Ilise Levy Feitshans; Networking Chair, Nanette Hennessey; Nominating Chair, Raquel Solomon.

Larissa Shmailo hopes we'll look for her third "Final Word" article for *Newsweek*. The article, "Big Stressor or Whatever," will appear in the special "How to Get Into College" issue, and is about teenager reaction to the new SAT. Larissa writes that she's "trying to follow in the footsteps of Anna Quindlen '74" (whose *Newsweek* column is called "The Last Word"). Larissa looked lovely at reunion, which she attended with her husband, also a writer. Thanks to Larissa's outstanding efforts as our fund chair this year, our class raised more money than ever before. Congratulations and thank you Larissa!

Kathryn Papadakis, a physician, was "sadly" invited to a wedding

the same weekend as our reunion and was therefore unable to attend. Since she "would love to get a copy of the reunion book," we should make an effort to create one. Very few people gave me written news this year. I had the smiles of wonderful shining faces in digital photos, but our class was curiously silent about recent achievements. Please write to me! As a bonus incentive, I'll send two or three digital photos in reply to any news that exceeds three paragraphs!

After 22 years at AT&T, **Suzanne LoFrumento Thomsen** has retired and returned to graduate school to become a teacher. This fall her daughter will be a junior at Clemson University and her son will start high school. Celebrating 23 years of marriage, Suzanne and her husband and children reside in New Jersey.

Amy Cogan Ramson received a collaborative grant last January from the Hispanic Educational Technology System to create an online security management certificate program at Eugenio Mari a de Hostos Community College in New York.

Anne Danzig Schneider celebrated the bat mitzvah of her daughter Mariel in May. Her older daughter, Lauren, starts high school this fall. Anne is active in her synagogue, Congregation Or Zarna in New York.

Elizabeth Estabrook is a conservator of modern and contemporary paintings for a small New York company and loving it! She's married to Ron, a sculptor and computer network administrator. Their "spunky and delightful" 9-year-old, Madeline, keeps her "busy and entertained."

Edna Pezone-Conway is a senior director of technology strategy for Cisco Systems, Inc.'s legal department. She lives in New Hampshire with her husband of 22 years, Christopher, and their 17-year-old son, Justin.

As part of Michigan's Grand Rapids Community College diversity lecture series in March **Cristina García** discussed "Beyond the Hyphen: Identity in the Age of

Multiculturalism." "I'm interested more in exploring the shades of gray of identity, not just the public identity," she told the *Grand Rapids Press*.

In October I spoke at the Gloucester City Historical Society as part of the New Jersey Council of the Humanities' festival "We the People: Exploring the Rich and Diverse Histories of the People of New Jersey." My topic was "Ethnicity, Pluralism, and Exceptionalism: How Minorities Blend into and Contribute to the Majority in Real Life and Under Law."

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25TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$51,227

PARTICIPATION:

29% (136 DONORS/468 IN CLASS)

So I was playing ninepins with these little guys in the mountains and when I came to—wham!—almost 25 years had passed since we graduated from Barnard. I know, I know, it's impossible. But I can see all of you believe it's true, because you're hoarding your news to deliver in person at reunion (June 2-5, 2005) instead of sending it to me to spill.

Cheryl Reicin is too polite to leave me with an empty column, however. An attorney in corporate securities, technology law, and life sciences, she has recently joined Torys LLP, an international business law firm based in Toronto and New York. Her general corporate and securities practice focuses on biotechnology, medical devices, health information, and other technology-based companies, and she represents the private equity/venture capital funds and investment banks that fund such companies, as well as academic medical centers and universities. Meanwhile, she's the author of numerous publications, including *An Insider's Guide to Going Public*, and her

civic involvements include Hadassit, the Institute for the Study of Aging, Inc., and the Entrepreneurship Institute, all in New York. I can't even type all that without having to go lie down with a cool rag on my forehead.

Now since you're all going to attend reunion, you may as well jump in and help plan it so it's exactly the way you want it to be. At this moment the reunion planning committee consists of yours truly and **Cathleen Ruane Vasserman**. Obviously membership confers instant adorableness. Reason enough to get in touch with one of us or blessed Alumnae Affairs and offer your services. We'd love to have you.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$141,846

PARTICIPATION:

32% (168 DONORS/522 IN CLASS)

Kiri Borg has become executive vice president of Diligent Partners, a multimillion-dollar programming and software development and hosting firm. She founded the New York-based company with her husband, New Zealander Brian Henry. They now divide their time between New York and Christchurch, New Zealand, with their sons Brent and Lane. Kiri served as a vice president at Tishman Realty and Construction Co., Inc., for 10 years before starting her software company.

Valerie Estess has been on a courageous journey with her sisters Meredith, a fashion buyer, and Jenifer, a theater producer. In 1997 Jenifer was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gherig's disease. Valerie and Meredith quit their jobs and, along with a friend, the three sisters started Project A.L.S., an organization that raises money to fund research on the disease.

With the help of some of Jenifer's

friends, such as Matthew Broderick, Katie Couric, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Paul Simon, they raised \$18 million to support research. Jenifer lost her ability to walk, talk, swallow, and, eventually, breathe. She passed away shortly before Christmas last year. But she did have some victories: Scientists at John Hopkins found that stem cells can be directed to become healthy new motor neurons and prolong life in animals with ALS, and an Estess-funded gene therapy project is slated to start human trials by the end of the year. Since Jenifer's passing, her memoir, *Tales from the Bed: On Living, Dying, and Having It All*, was released and the family was featured in the HBO documentary, "Three Sisters: Searching for a Cure," which aired in May.

Hats off to Valerie, Jenifer, and Meredith for their devotion, love, and courage.

Sadly I must report the death of **Michelle Kay Wardlaw**, who passed away on July 26 from cancer. Michelle was born in Tokyo. After graduating from Barnard, she attended Harvard Law School. She worked for the law firm of Baker & McKenzie in Singapore and went on to start her own businesses in New York, Paris, San Francisco, and Tokyo. Michelle was active in raising money for The Barnard Fund. Those who wish to make a donation to The Barnard Fund in Michelle's memory may do so at <https://snowbird.barnard.edu/mins/forms/giftform.html>.

Michelle is survived by her mother, Sachiko Wardlaw, of Tokyo, and her father, Bobby Wardlaw, of Los Angeles.

It seems too early for such losses. At least they had beautiful lives and can be an inspiration to us to seize the day.

I'm writing to you from my favorite ashram, where I'm on a brief meditation retreat. Then I'll head back to Los Angeles to resume work on a book I'm writing and do lots of healings with wonderful, inspiring people. I'm still splitting my time between both coasts. So perhaps I'm living two lives at once!

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82 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$147,277

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83 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$76,751

PARTICIPATION:
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84 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$101,029

PARTICIPATION:
33% (175 DONORS/530 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:
\$445,847

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Adele Breen-Franklin missed reunion because she was finishing up coursework for her master's in occupational therapy. She was a lawyer who changed careers while working and raising two boys! Adele writes that her efforts were "well worth it."

Inspired by an article about India's call centers, **Marianne Weems** and her collaborators wrote a play entitled "Alladeen." The show is about outsourcing, and uses screens to create 3-D effects simulating London and New York street scenes, complete with buses and passersby. The play has been touring the world for a year, sold out in New York, and garnered rave reviews in *The New York Times*.

Gail Davis Beck lives in Vermont with her husband and two daughters: Morgan, 8, and Skylar, 4. She just accepted a position as the director of property management for Burlington Community Land Trust, the first municipally funded, and currently the largest, community land trust in the United States. She's also a Habitat for Humanity board member and her chapter just finished building its second home. If you'd like to build a Habitat for Humanity home in Vermont, please contact Gail. Her information can be found on the online directory at www.barnard.edu/alum.

Leila Johannesen had her first child in March, a baby girl named Alexandra. Leila is a human factors engineer with IBM in San Jose, Calif.

Karen Graubart recently gave birth to her first child, Mateo. She's an assistant professor of Latin American history at Cornell University.

Christina Krumrine conserves art for private collectors, dealers, and galleries. It was great to spend time with Chris and her husband, P.J. Posner (CC '84), at reunion, and hear about their life with their two small kids, Lucy Rose and Jack Dewey. Chris earned her master's in art conservation from Buffalo State College and did a graduate internship at the Victoria and Albert Museum in the United Kingdom.

Katherine Stone Kurjakovic teaches ESL in Queens, at PS 11, where she is the UFT chapter leader. She earned her master's in TESOL at Hunter, and lives in Port Washington with her husband and two daughters: Rachael, 15, and Sherifa, 9.

Lisa Maxwell Malik and her husband, Russ, partied at reunion. Lisa practices optometry in Houston and is assisting in a study of cataracts at the Johnson Space Center Eye Clinic. Her three boys, Joseph, Brian, and Nicholas, are growing up to be wonderful young men. Lisa and Russ divide and conquer by attending their kids' various sporting events.

Margarita (Ari) Brose Orr, amazing as ever, did a fabulous job to make our reunion special. Ari, along with **Avis Hinkson**, our fund-raising chair, helped our class raise more than \$100,000 for The Barnard Fund. Ari is a management consultant, a position that has enabled her to leverage her experience as a securities lawyer and her MBA to assist her financial services clients. She fondly remembers that her interest in athletic endeavors was sparked by a mandatory gym class

at Barnard (she was a champion runner) and the Bacchantae. She lives in Washington, D.C., but still manages to come to New York to provide her energy to the Barnard community in a myriad of ways, including being AABC president.

Christine Valenza Shin was also a great force in organizing our reunion and will be vice president of our class for the next term. Chris taught at JFK High School in the Bronx and returned to Barnard to teach in the education program in 1993. Since 1998, she's been raising her son, Garrett, and lives in Rockland County with her husband, Tom Shin (CC '84). She's close with **Sophia Faskianos**, and **Robin Swilley Hirose**—who both attended reunion. Chris and Tom and Wally Griffiths (CC '84) and other friends spent time dancing away on

the steps, and at the West End, during reunion.

Kristina Piirimae, our class president (now, and for the next term), also did a great job presiding and fund raising throughout the weekend's events. A big thanks to Kris for keeping our class on track. Also a big thanks to her daughters Annika and Alexandra, who shared their mom and dad, Karl (CC '84), with us for the weekend.

Thanks to all who attended reunion. We'll report more in coming issues. For those who couldn't attend, we highly recommend you think about attending our 25th. It was a blast, and made us all feel special. Before signing off, thanks to the entire reunion planning team, including class correspondent **Lynn Kestin Sessler**, who called many of you on fund-raising nights. Thanks

ALUMNA PROFILE: SABIYA MIR AMANAT '92

Who Says You Can't Have It All?



Although Sabiya Mir Amanat '92 had a lot of cavities as a child, she didn't mind going to the dentist. In fact, she remembers her dentist as a kind person who used behavior management techniques to make the experience fun.

So Amanat—who as a child loved art and working with her hands—became a dentist. An anthropology major at Barnard, Amanat interned as a senior at the Columbia University School of Dental & Oral Surgery; she later matriculated in the program and graduated from it in 1996.

Pregnant at the completion of her

residency in June 1998, she accepted a position at an existing dental practice where she intended to eventually become a partner. She decided to wait until the following January to start her new job since her baby was due in October. She thought it would be unfair to the patients and the practice for her to work for only few months and then take three months' maternity leave.

Amanat's troubled pregnancy culminated in an emergency C-section and her son was colicky. As is often the case, her priorities changed when she became a mother. Initially uncertain how motherhood would affect her, she soon discovered the joys of motherhood and opted to stay at home for an extended period instead of joining the dental practice as planned.

When her son was eight months old,

she started working one day a week doing admissions for the Columbia's dental school and volunteering one day a week to "give back to the community."

Now the mother of three, Amanat and her "wonderful" husband, Omar, live in Manhattan. She works two days a week outside the home, in two different jobs: assistant professor of pediatric dentistry and assistant director of admissions for the dental school. Since both her parents worked long hours as physicians, Amanat vowed she'd find a career that allowed her to spend time with her family—and academia has given her that flexibility.

"I'm very blessed," she says. "I keep my mind active and am very involved with my kids. Dreams really can come true."

—Lynn Kestin Sessler '84

also to Jennifer Samsel, of The Barnard Fund, and Aidan Smith, of the Alumnae Affairs office, for their tremendous work organizing our class events. Remember: life is long. The best is yet to come.

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20TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$30,280

PARTICIPATION:
26% (125 DONORS/486 IN CLASS)

Our 20th reunion is Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, June 5, 2005. If you'd like to participate in planning this fabulous event, please contact me. The more people who participate by attending and/or helping to organize reunion, the better our reunion will be. Let our reunion chairs know how much time you can devote and they'll put your talents to good use.

Dr. **Dara Richardson** was featured by *The Network Journal* as one of the 25 most influential Black Women in Business whose decisions and leadership shape the future of their organizations, industries, and communities. Dara is chief medical officer and assistant executive director of United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. **Gopa Khandwala** lives in Washington, D.C., and practices law with a small firm within walking distance of her home. She and her husband, Joseph Long, welcomed their daughter, Gayatri, last year. They are now down to five dogs who are all willing babysitters for their daughter. **Martha Soles-Maurno** lives in Suffolk, Va. (near Virginia Beach), with her husband of 13 years, Steve, and her daughters, Abigail, 12, and Charlotte, 7. In August she received a master's of science in secondary edu-

cation with a concentration in English from Old Dominion University. She teaches 7th grade English in a private school.

Beth Lee is balancing family life with a 4-year old and an 8-year-old and going back to graduate school to get her master's in social work at New York University. **Susan Oliff** continues to home-school her four sons and relies on her Barnard education to help her teach them to be sensitive, compassionate, and intuitive young boys.

On Labor Day weekend, my family celebrated the bar mitzvah of our oldest son, Jeremy. It was a wonderful weekend of events and I'm now back from my role of party-planner extraordinaire to my normal existence as an immigration attorney, mom, and wife. I'd be happy to share what I learned from this experience with anyone planning a similar event.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$29,645

PARTICIPATION:
22% (113 DONORS/511 IN CLASS)

Thank you all for your updates and stories. Your finesse and grace in pursuing life's goals continues to enlighten me.

Pauline J. Alama took time off at the end of the summer to enjoy being with her 9-month-old son, Sean. He was with her at a science fiction convention in Baltimore, where Pauline was promoting her novel, *The Eye of Night*. To Sean, Pauline writes, "a grown-up in a Klingon costume or medieval garb looks no stranger than any other grown-up."

Devaki (Dini) Chandra works with The Home of Comfort, a recovery facility. She's educating women in the program about the importance of voting in the coming election. She says that they're inspired by the recent elec-

tion results in India.

Yasmin Khakoo and her husband, Rob Fisher, had a baby girl, Aliya Rose Fisher, on Jan. 8, 2004. Their 6-year-old son, Alex, is very excited to have a playmate. Yasmin just returned to work at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as a pediatric neuro-oncologist.

Two of **Miriam Gruen Kosowsky's** four children enjoyed sleep-away camp this summer. Miriam's thinking about a creative way to return to work, using her law degree for something other than litigation. This spring she attended the Bar Mitzvah for college roommate **Toby Kosowsky's** son. She says, "It was a great reunion as our third roommate (out of four), **Mindy Braunstein-Weinblatt**, was there too. It was a wonderful event planned to every last detail and infused with meaning and fun."

Pamela M. Carroll Lamberson is in Charlotte, N.C., helping her children Emma, 2, and Jack, 10 months, to cultivate dianthus plants. Emma takes responsibility for watering and pinching the old buds. Jack just tries to eat his!

Melissa Metz remains at Columbia's Academic Information Systems, where they celebrated the quarter millennium with T-shirts indicating "Columbia 250/columbia.edu 20." Melissa's daughter, Jenny Baran, just completed her first year at The School at Columbia. Melissa, Jenny, and her husband, Fuat Baran, (C '86) are enjoying family trips to the pool and to the beach.

Naomi Koltun-Fromm and her husband, Ken, live with their two children, Ariel, 7, and Talia, 5, in Haverford, Pa., on the Haverford College campus, where they both teach. Naomi and Ken share one position at the college in the department of religion so they can share childcare and domestic duties as well. Both were tenured this summer and made associate professors. Naomi is chairing the department this year and next year both look forward to a sabbatical leave. A family trip to Israel

this summer allowed them to reconnect with Jordanna Cope Yosef, who didn't graduate from Barnard but was Naomi's freshman year roommate and best friend. They found it amusing that, although Jordanna went to law school, and Naomi earned a Ph.D. in history, both ended up teaching Jewish text at institutes of higher learning.

In September, **Allison Breidbart White** will begin her master's in not-for-profit management at New York University's Wagner School of Government. She went on an incredible horseback-riding trip (without kids or husband) in California, cantering on the beach.

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widower, Jerome Balsam, tells us that she was suffering from metastatic melanoma and passed away on May 21. Tributes and photos can be viewed at www.atid.org/joy.htm.

Clearly life brings us ups and downs. I wish you all health and happiness and the ability to work your way through the challenges that lie ahead. Keep in touch.

—DLD

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87 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$31,291

PARTICIPATION:

28% (131 DONORS/470 IN CLASS)

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.

Fellow class correspondent, **Signe Taylor**, and her husband, Joel, welcomed their son, Soren Taylor Stettenheim, into the world on Aug. 5. Soren, who remained nameless for quite while, was greeted by his big sister, Lyla, 4. Signe reports that Lyla hugs and kisses him and is genuinely amused by all his new baby grimaces and expressions. She just watches him and belly laughs! Signe is doing really well and I wish her all the best.

Eleni Moulinos Vogia tells us that after graduating she went on to Teachers College for a master's in elementary education and an Ed.M. in administration. That led to a job as headmistress in the Cathedral School in New York. She now lives in Athens, Greece, with her husband, Michael. Together they started a computer and engineering firm. She's also the mother of three daughters: Stella, 12, Mina, 7, and Ioanna, 2.

Sadly, I must report the death of **Joy Rochwarger Balsam**. Joy's

88 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04: \$55,008

PARTICIPATION:

25% (117 DONORS/474 IN CLASS)

I'm so happy that we have news:

For **Abby Grayzel**, immersing herself in new cultures has been her favorite pastime since majoring in anthropology at Barnard. At the start of the year, Abby's boss gave her a break from the rat race, which allowed her to spend six months traveling through Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, and Polynesia. Upon her return to the United States, her employer created a new division for her to manage, which entails placing *locum tenens* physicians in Australia and New Zealand.

Miriam Tuchman sent word that **Elena Rover Strothenke** and her husband, Bruce, welcomed their first child, Calvin James, on June 1. As for Miriam, though she says she has "no real news," she's still managing construction in Boston and recently traveled to Haiti with her husband.

Amy Leonard finished her book on nuns in 16th century Germany, *Nails In The Wall: Catholic Nuns in Reformation Germany*, which will be published next spring by University

of Chicago Press. Amy's coming up for tenure this year in the history department at Georgetown.

Speaking of the University of Chicago, I was floored when I clicked onto its Web site to check out my old friend, **Carla Mazzio**, an assistant professor in the English department, who specializes in late 16th and 17th century literature. And, Carla, it wasn't your bodacious tan and shorn, frosted locks that knocked me over (though I must say you look great), but the impressive list of publications you've authored and edited, as well as the long list of accolades you've amassed in your post-undergrad career! Of course, you forgot to list best actor/writer/director of Barnard's smash hit, "The First." You've come a long way from "I got a girlfriend, Shirley, who says, 'Why not?'—she's an idiot!"

Glorianna Valls Neiman remembers Carla's "infectious laughter and wonderful sense of humor." Glorianna, who embarked upon her postdoctoral training in psychoanalysis at New York University in the fall, enjoys her private practice in New York and raising her "ACTIVE almost-4-year-old, Jesse."

Dana Points writes that she and her husband, Mark Satlof (CC '86), had their second child, Elijah Samuel on April 27. Dana, Mark, and their first son, Leo, joined some classmates at **Kia Tsakos Heavey's** house to see Sara Yeglin, her husband, Mark Wright, and their daughter, Ruby, who were in from Atlanta, Ga. Also visiting were **Penelope Angier Flynn**, **Sabrina Fondren**, **Miriam Lockshin** (who just moved back to New York from Paris), and **Abby Stoddard**.

Thanks to **Hope Kirschner Casey** for casting the net to gather news from our classmates. Without her, this column could look like it did last issue—empty! I'm waiting to hear from you!

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$70,426

PARTICIPATION:

41% (211 DONORS/516 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:

\$868,522

Class Officers 2003-2008: President, Namita Modi-Patel; Vice President and Reunion Chair, Tara Polen; Fund Chair, Ellen Shaw; Correspondent, Jennifer Horowitz; Nominating Chair, Leah Kopperman; Networking Chair, Carole Loconte Tedesco.

Nancy Mendelson Gates and Stephen Gates are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Royce Gates, on June 8. Nancy works as a talent agent at United Talent Agency in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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15TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$24,973

PARTICIPATION:

27% (133 DONORS/497 IN CLASS)

Our 15th reunion is June 2-5, 2005! This will be the first reunion I've ever attended and I hope I'll be joined by a lot more "first-timers." I'm looking forward to meeting the classmates I missed out on meeting 15 years ago! You'll receive a letter from your class officers with more details about reunion and how to get involved. In the meantime please go to www.barnard.edu/alum for more info.

Leslie Anne Richman, writes: "I received my J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law on May 20, 2004. My husband, Ken (Haverford, Class of 1988), was appointed associate professor of philosophy and health care ethics at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, so we'll be relocating there from Philly in mid-August. His new book, *Ethics and*

the Metaphysics of Medicine, is hot off the MIT press as well! I won two writing prizes for pieces I wrote in law school. One from the school and one from the Philadelphia Bar Association. That was very nice. I've just begun my job search and will keep you posted about where I end up."

Edwidge Danticat's sixth book of fiction, *The Dew Breaker*, is nine interconnected stories set in New York and Haiti. The title refers to the government torturers in Haiti who come to get their victims at dawn, breaking the dew on the grass. She wrote her first book, *Breath, Eyes, Memory*, while working for the bursar's office at Barnard, her first job after graduation. Her next novel, *The Farming of Bones*, a recounting of a 1937 massacre in the Dominican Republic under General Trujillo, won the American Book Award. Recently she worked on Jonathan Demme's documentary "The Agronomist," about Jean Dominique, a Haitian journalist and freedom fighter, who was mysteriously murdered in Port-au-Prince in 2000. Edwidge lives and works in Miami.

Kathleen Murtha won an Emmy award for a documentary series she produced, "When I Was a Girl," which originally aired on WE: Women's Entertainment. Congratulations!

Sharon Pressner married Dr. Scott Michael Jashowitz at the Great Neck Synagogue in Great Neck, N.Y. Sharon's a program director in the New York office of Affiliated Computer Services, a Dallas company that provides technical and administrative services to corporate and government clients. She received a master's degree in public policy from Harvard.

Jennifer Anzivino Bruni and her husband, Anthony, had a son, Alessandro Carmelo, in 2001. Jennifer started Mercury Communication, Inc., in 2002 shortly after moving from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Duxbury, Mass.

Anne Newland is chief resident for internal medicine at the

University of Tennessee, Memphis. She finished her internal medicine-pediatrics residency in June 2003 and started a fellowship in pediatric nephrology at Yale last July.

Anastasia Xenias is a senior officer with the U.S. Department of Commerce stationed in New York. The agency helps U.S. companies enter global markets. She writes that Barnard alumnae are welcome to call for free help!

My second album, "Lakeville," came out on Nettwerk America in October. I'll be touring the country and will have my laptop with me, so please stay in touch. If anyone's interested in hearing my music or coming to see me perform, go to www.amy-correia.com.

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BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$19,685

PARTICIPATION:

26% (132 DONORS/503 IN CLASS)

We learned from an announcement in *The New York Times* that **Sarah Kruchko** got married in August. She and her husband work for the Princeton Review, where Sarah is the director of product management in New York. Sarah's also getting a master's in social work from New York University. Congratulations.

Elizabeth Bruce sent word that she lives in San Francisco, where she teaches and makes music. She encourages other former Bacchantae members to get in touch. **Jennifer Bruce** had her first baby in August. She lives in New York with her husband, a children's book illustrator. Jenny's a singer getting ready to release her third CD this fall.

We'd like to apologize to **Mirja Pitkin**, whose news was printed incorrectly in the summer issue. It should have read: Mirja married Aaron Kennedy in May at City Hall with Tanya Weisman (CC '91) as a witness. "Aaron and I will be chang-

ing our last names to Karelia. We both have grandparents from this region—which was part of Finland until the Soviets took it over in WWII—and are thereby embracing our mutual peasant roots. Life is good!”

It’s been a slow news cycle this go-round; please do send on information and help make the next addition plumper.

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92 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

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93 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$14,089

PARTICIPATION:

21% (101 DONORS/485 IN CLASS)

Well, it seems this is going to be a short column. To help ease my pain in the future, please write with an update on your life and any other Barnard alumnae information that you have. Thanks so much!

Mikki Meadows-Oliver writes that she is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Connecticut Nursing School, where she works on research dealing with homeless teen mothers.

Shana Sippy writes: “After finishing my master’s in religion from Harvard, I started a Ph.D. program at

Columbia in religion. I am working on my dissertation on the articulation of Hindu identity in the diaspora, albeit slower than I might hope, while raising my two children, Zachariah, 4, and Emanuelle, 1. Things are good here in California.”

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94 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$20,321

PARTICIPATION:

27% (144 DONORS/526 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:

\$70,861

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Eva Blumenthal was married to Jason Rapp in May. Eva is vice president for online marketing of personal financial services at J.P. Morgan Chase.

Anne Fisher graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in May and will begin working as a public defender at the Defender Association of Philadelphia this fall. Annie also married her long-time partner, Tom Bloom (CC '93).

Lori Hoepner writes that she got married in May to Jeb Harben. Alumnae who were readers at the ceremony included **Linda Chen**, **Mary Koshy**, and **Evelyn Kwon**. Also in attendance was Roberta Waterstone Albert '92. Lori and Jeb live on the Upper West Side in Manhattan.

Julie Rosendorf Johnson and her husband, Jay Don, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jacob Matthew, on July 8, 2003. He weighed 10.6 pounds and, at 10 months, has started walking. Julie

writes, “We love being new parents.”

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10TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

95 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$10,803

PARTICIPATION:

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96 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$10,834

PARTICIPATION:

20% (115 DONORS/572 IN CLASS)

This time around, I got news from several old friends, including **Melissa Rachel Goldwag**, a former floormate from Sulzberger 4.

Melissa has lived in Israel for more than six years. She and her husband, Gaby Fachler, welcomed their son, Aviel, on March 30. She visited New York recently and spent time with old friends Meital Cnaan (CC), **Jeanne Fromer**, Dana Landau Leibowitz '97, **Christine Najarian**, Robyn Puro '97, Shirah Schwartz '98, Howie Teitelman (CC '96), and Michelle Zeevi '98, at the home of Steve Furer (CC '96) and his wife, Haviva (Vivi) Malina '01. Melissa, works in health policy research at the Myers-Joint-Brookdale Institute and lives in Modiin, halfway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. She writes, “I run into Barnard alumnae all over the place—including my next door neighbor Julie Zuckerman '91 and my son’s pediatrician, Roberta Polinsky Colton '86!”

Deborah Freedman was married on July 4 to Ben Bradley. Deborah noted that, because Ben is Australian, the couple had a ceremony and reception in central New York

and plan to have another ceremony on Dec. 30 in Australia for family that couldn't travel to the United States. **Sabah Ashraf, Eurydice Kelley**, and Susan Roadfeldt (CC '96) were three of Deborah's bridesmaids, with Jenna Johnson (CC) and Janine Gutheil Agoglia '94 also in attendance. Deborah has lived in Sydney since September 2000.

Elizabeth Fattorusso e-mailed me to say that she and Trent Fisher, a software engineer, were married in White Plains in July. "Heather Buckman, who was in our class, was the maid of honor at my wedding," Elizabeth writes. Elizabeth and Trent live in Salem, Mass., where she's in her third year of law school at Northeastern. The couple hope to move to the Seattle, Wash., area this winter.

Emily Burg lives in Sydney, Australia, and travels all over the country to write the Australian travel guide for Fodor's. "One of the hardest things to get used to about being here is how far everything is. From one side of Oz to another is 5 1/2 hours by plane, just like the United States, but for most of that journey, you're flying over desert and outback."

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97 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$15,030

PARTICIPATION:

27% (148 DONORS/543 IN CLASS)

Patricia Riordan reports that after four years at Evercore Partners, she's moved on and now works in the alternative investments group within the JPMorgan Private Bank. She lives on the Upper West Side and sees many Barnard alumnae.

Congratulations to **Rachel Russell**, who received a \$37,000 scholarship for her first year's tuition at M.I.T. Sloan School of Management. She was eligible for the scholarship because she's a graduate of Barnard.

Bari Meltzer received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania in May and recently moved to Miami.

Alexandra Agus Fox recently received her doctorate in school-clinical child psychology from Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology. She'll begin her job as the school psychologist at Ramaz Lower School and Early Childhood Center in the fall. Alexandra is married to Nathan Fox (CC '97) and they have three children: Noam and Yakira, both 4, and Nili, 1.

Sabrina O. Mark's first book, *The Babies*, won the first Saturnalia Books Poetry Prize and is forthcoming from Saturnalia Books this fall.

Stephanie Klein Kline was recently written up in two European newspapers: London's *The Independent* and Belgium's *Het Nieuwsblad*. Both articles focus on her Web site, stephanieklein.blogs.com. *The Independent* compares her site to "Sex and the City," as offering a fresh and witty look at New York's social scene.

Marisol L. Martinez writes that she moved back to New York and received a grant last year from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation. Her work was featured in two solo exhibitions in France.

Finally, our class president, **Michelle Katz**, happily reports that she has a new job as an AVP in the learning and organizational development department of Citi Cards.

It's wonderful to hear from so many successful and happy classmates! Keep the news coming!

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98 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$13,314

PARTICIPATION:

23% (120 DONORS/529 IN CLASS)

Here's the latest: **Daphne Sashin** is a reporter at the *Daily Press* in Williamsburg, Va., and recently com-

pleted a five-part series on student housing. She'd love to hear from any alumnae in the area. Find her information on the online directory at www.barnard.edu/alum.

Congratulations to **Nancy Chan**, who married James Shih last year, and gave birth to their son, Ian, last May. They live in Taipei, Taiwan.

Stephanie Domdom Blakeman reports, "It was a pleasant surprise to see my fellow Elliott RA **Amy Greenfield** on television last spring during 'Who Wants to be a Super Millionaire?' While in the hot seat, Amy told Regis Philbin that she was a newlywed, living in Santa Monica, and working as a special events coordinator. As for me, I am still keeping busy with my daughter, Leilani, who is now 2, and busy with various toddler programs here on the Upper East Side. Occasionally, we see **Jessica Atlas** and her daughter, Elizabeth, who were in the same music class last spring. We keep planning to take our girls crosstown and visit campus soon!"

I still work at Teachers College, right near beautiful Barnard! I'm an academic secretary in the educational psychology department, but will soon be applying to doctoral programs in art history for fall 2005.

—SS

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99 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:

\$14,056

PARTICIPATION:

27% (145 DONORS/542 IN CLASS)

FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GIVING:

\$35,629

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Rhoda Sepowitz and Jonas Hafkin (CC '99) were married in May and reside in Houston, Texas. Rhoda is a psychiatry resident at Baylor College of Medicine, where Jonas is a medical student.

Maria King lives in New York, where she works in finance by day, sings opera by night, and practices capoeira, a Brazilian martial art. She sang her first full role, Donna Elvira, in Mozart's "Don Giovanni," last April, and continues to perform in New York and Los Angeles.

Audrey Leigh graduated from New York University School of Law last year and now works as an associate at Clifford Chance US LLP. She recently moved back to the Upper West Side (near Barnard) after living in the financial district.

Congratulations to **Caroline Lee**, who married Wallace Kim in July. The happy couple honeymooned in Hawaii, and moved into a new apartment in Midtown.

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had dinner with **Alaina Colon**, **Bess Greenbaum**, and **Cordelia Heaney**. The dinner was a farewell: Cordelia completed her MFA in creative writing/poetry at the New School this spring, and has since moved to New Orleans with her girlfriend. Bess, a freelance camera operator, recently moved to Los Angeles to work in film. Bess is sharing a place with **Andrea Luttrell**, who moved west after completing her MFA in fiction at New York University. Alaina reports that she's starting a MPA program at NYU's Wagner School this fall and currently works as the policy and communications director for Scott Stringer, a New York State Assemblyman.

Alaina was also kind enough to put me in touch with her old friends **Esther Greenbaum** and **Emily Levin**. Esther writes that she's a research associate for New York State Senate Democratic Leader David A. Paterson; she's also a very active soccer player. Emily writes, "I received my MSW from NYU in 2003 and I am working at a supported housing site for people living with AIDS and mental illness as well as those that were formerly homeless. I am also going into my second year at a four year post-graduate psychoanalytic training Institute."

Other classmates have been busy as well: **Ogechi Iwuoha** writes that she completed her Ed.M. at Harvard Graduate School of Education and now teaches in the Long Island school district. **Diana Paquin** teaches too; she recently transferred from a Brooklyn public school to one in Chinatown. The "buzz" tells me that **Sprague Grayden** landed a recurring role on HBO's series "Six Feet Under," playing Anita.

Donna Vivino was on tour for a year with the Broadway musical "Hairspray," but left the tour at the end of August to begin rehearsals on a new musical, "The Opposite of Sex," based on the 1997 film. The musical opened in late September with a limited run at the Magic Theatre in San Francisco and is

expected to move to Broadway. Donna also appeared in the HBO film "Everyday People."

I live in Jersey City and continue to direct and do other theatre projects when I'm not busy at my job as an alumni and events coordinator at a teaching hospital in New York. But enough about me ... what are you up to? Send me an e-mail, note, or call me. I look forward to hearing from you!

—SK

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01 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$11,194

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02 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$6,682

PARTICIPATION:
20% (106 DONORS/541 IN CLASS)

Alexa Price-Whelan worked at Albert Einstein College of Medicine as a research technician for a year and is now working toward a geobiology Ph.D. at the California Institute of Technology.

Yonit Kafka works for the Roundabout Theatre Company. She lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn, with Robyn Schwartz (CC '03), and made her Brooklyn stage debut as an actor last March with the Heights Players.

One week after graduation,

5TH REUNION: JUNE 2-JUNE 5, 2005

00 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$9,026

PARTICIPATION:
22% (130 DONORS/581 IN CLASS)

Hello, classmates! I'm very excited to be your new co-correspondent. My main goal is to get more of you in this column. We're already a very accomplished group, and it'd be great to know what you're doing now. Also, let's keep in touch, especially in our important fifth reunion year. Please contact me with any updates.

On a lovely July night in SoHo, I

I N M E M O R I A M

Patricia Cady Remmer '45

Patricia Cady Remmer died peacefully on Aug. 19, surrounded by her family. The devoted trustee emerita of Barnard had been suffering from cancer for some time.



After graduating from Barnard, she married Eugene Remmer (CC '43), with whom she had four children. Upon her husband's death she became chairman of the board and president of Chemtex, the engineering and technology transfer

company he founded in the 1960s. Later she became the chairman of EHR Investments. A generous benefactor, she contributed a six-figure gift to The Barnard Campaign to create the Patricia Cady Remmer '45 Mathematics Suite in Milbank Hall. She served on the College's board from 1990 to 2001 and was chair of The President's Circle for more than a decade. In 1992 she was the recipient of the Alumni Medal for Distinguished Service awarded by the Alumni Federation of Columbia University. Her energy, wise advice, and generosity of time and spirit contributed enormously to the advancement of the College. The Barnard community extends its heartfelt sympathy to her family and many friends.

Kathleen O'Shea (who majored in architecture), moved to Cambodia, where she drew a comic book about HIV/AIDS prevention for a non-profit organization, tended bar, and taught art classes at an orphanage. She returned to New York in September 2003, setting to work on illustrating two books (one comic, one less so, both still in production). She has recently accepted a job with the firm Cook+Fox Architects in Manhattan. She lives in Park Slope with her drawing desk, her radio, and her two velvet-striped-cushioned chairs.

Amy Luria is a second-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. This summer she worked at the law firm of

Mrs. Remmer had made arrangements for the Patricia Cady Remmer '45 Scholarship Fund to be established at the College with a gift from her estate. Gifts in her memory can be directed to the scholarship in care of the Office of Development, 3009 Broadway, New York, NY 10027. Call 212-854-2001 for more information.

- 1921 Phyllis Pickhardt Williams, Aug. 11, 2004
- 1924 Juliet Barker Jones, Jan. 1, 1993
Jeanne Ullman Weiskopf, May 8, 2004
- 1928 Helen Stokes Bush, Aug. 10, 2004
Rosalie Bleimeyer Palmer, May 17, 2004
- 1930 Elizabeth Huntington, July 26, 2004
- 1931 Helen Heuser Goodloe, Aug. 5, 2004
- 1932 Kathleen Smith, July 2, 2004
- 1933 Mabel Holmes Addis-Mergardt, Aug. 13, 2004
Olga Bendix, June 15, 2004
- 1934 Jean MacDougall Croll, April 3, 2004
Muriel Schlesinger Ecker, June 26, 2004
Nancy Van Riper Varney, Feb. 24, 2004
- 1935 Mary Gray Harris Legg, Jan. 15, 2004
Kathryn Lytle Prior, May 13, 2004
Freema Balloff Sutton, July 5, 2004
Suzanne Foglesong Truran, Aug. 7, 2004
Elizabeth Anderson Uldall, June 23, 2004
- 1937 Anne Muste Baker, March 27, 2004
Yolanda Krajewski Morton, July 23, 2004
- 1940 Kathryn Sheeran Allocca, July 25, 2004
Regina Cropsey, June 16, 2004

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart in Newark, N.J., where she worked last summer as well. **Chung Lim** writes, "I continued to pursue architecture by drafting and designing for a year. Although I enjoyed majoring and working in architecture, I decided that my life would not be complete without a medical school education. I am now in a post-baccalaureate pre-med program at Rutgers University in New Jersey. It's a difficult transition, but I'm enjoying my studies and all of the new possibilities."

Brianna Cox writes, "I recently left New York and my corporate legal assistant job at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP to move to southern New Jersey where I will pursue my legal education. This fall I will be attending Rutgers-Camden Law School,

- Grace Maresca Mannillo, July 9, 2004
- Ingrith Deyrup Olsen, July 25, 2004
- Elsie Quigly, May 30, 2004

- 1941 Helen Taft Gardiner, Aug. 17, 2004
- 1942 Eleanor Colgan Elwert, May 27, 2004
- 1944 Harriet Towers Bjelovucic, Oct. 23, 2002
Alice Burleigh Maher, May 10, 2001
Rowena Matthews, Jan. 1, 1950
- 1945 Daisy Fornacca Kouzel, June 8, 2004
Patricia Cady Remmer, Aug. 19, 2004
Marie Coletta Scully, Aug. 7, 2004
- 1946 Georgia Rusling Demarest, July 26, 2004
- 1947 Dorothea Dultgen Newton, May 20, 2004
Helen Swikart Pond, May 20, 2004
- 1948 Mary O'Brien, June 10, 2004
Anne Hopkins Plummer, July 31, 2004
- 1949 Susan Morris Carter, April 21, 2004
Teresa Talento Mackraz, Aug. 15, 2002
- 1950 Ruth Enders Greenamyre, June 25, 2004
- 1953 Aleida Talma-Stheeman, Jan. 2000
- 1954 Mirga Zadeikis, Jan. 1980
- 1955 Sandra Perlmutter Lerner, Aug. 4, 2004
- 1959 Anne-Marie Maluski Chapouton, Jan. 2000
Janet Steinfeld Feldman, June 10, 2004
- 1970 Deirdre Whiteside, April 10, 2004
- 1971 Deborah Billingsley, May 4, 2004
Anne Pierpont Lehr, June 12, 2004
- 1981 Michelle Wardlaw, July 26, 2004
- 1987 Joy Rochwarger Balsam, May 21, 2004

and although I miss the city, having **Alina Aliyar** and Sara Spettel '03 in the area has made the transition much easier."

Katherine McKenney is moving on from her role as global customer support manager in London into the human resources department at Bloomberg. She'll help support many of the European news bureaus, focusing on the Paris office.

Sarah Klein left New York and moved to the Midwest, where she started law school.

Toby Goldstein has been working at Hermes since December and recently moved down to the Village.

Laurie Susser Beckerman married Zev Beckerman (SEAS '00) in January 2002. She's an elementary

school teacher and recently completed a master's in literacy education from Hunter College. She gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Allison, in July 2004, and lives in Riverdale, N.Y.

I did some traveling this summer, visiting **Jessica Brescia** and Katherine McKenney in London, practicing French with an old friend in Paris, and battling the heat during seven days in Cairo, Egypt. I also caught up with **Alexis Barad** and **Michele Burke** during a long-overdue dinner in the East Village.

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Michelle Rosen, and **Abigail Waldman**.

Sara Menlow is teaching pre-school full time, and pursuing a master's in early childhood and special education from Bank Street College of Education.

Celeste Jochim-Johansson is a nanny in San Francisco.

This fall **Eliza Bang** will teach third grade at The School at Columbia. She still lives in the neighborhood.

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with **Lynette Chiu**.

Michelle Kagan is in New Orleans preparing to teach elementary school with Teach for America. Michelle also tells us that **Emma Fried-Cassorla** and **Marcia Sanders** spent their summer hiking and rock climbing in Glacier National Park, Mont.

From **Isa Loundon** comes news of several classmates: **Sylva Hsieh** enjoys her new job at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in the financial district, and has been learning a lot about trust law while working in the estates and personal group. She enjoys living near Central Park. **Lai Sze Mak** is an analyst at Morgan Stanley. **Haeri (Heddy) Nam** worked as a Guggenheim Fellow for the nonprofit Women's Prison Association, and in August started a new job at Common Cents New York, a nonprofit organization on the Upper West Side. She lives in Manhattan and would love to hear from you.

Lesha Shah and **Yana Chervona** both work for Columbia University. Lesha is researching epilepsy in families at the Mailman School of Public Health, and Yana is a coordinator of educational programs at the Earth Institute. Lesha tells us that **Sarah Katz** and **Ankhi Sengupta** live together in Washington, D.C. Sarah is a research associate at The Advisory Board, a healthcare research firm. Ankhi works as a paralegal for Berliner, Corcoran & Rowe.

News of **Amy Kim** comes to us from **Jeeho Lee**. Amy returned from a missions trip to Japan and visiting relatives in Korea. She hasn't begun to search for a job but she's excited to begin the post-college life. Jeeho's happy to be back home in California and started law school at University of California, Berkeley, this fall.

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03 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$10,929

PARTICIPATION:

24% (126 DONORS/532 IN CLASS)

After graduation, **Eun-Soo Lim** hopped a plane to Madrid, Spain, and taught English there for six months. Upon her return to New York in December 2003, she took Spanish classes and worked part-time as a fund-raiser at Baruch College. Since June she had been interning at the Climate Institute, a nonprofit environmental organization in Washington, D.C., and started working as a research associate in October.

Julie Beagle is in her first year as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea, West Africa, and will be there until 2006. She is an agro-forestry volunteer, living in Upper Guinea, working with gardening cooperatives and on reforestation projects.

Last fall **Dena Goldberg** lived in Paris with **Whitney Smith**. From January to May she was a substitute teacher in Westchester County. She now lives in Boulder, Colo., and is enrolled in a post-baccalaureate teacher certification program in secondary education social studies at the University of Colorado.

Naomi Newman got married on Aug. 1. Her bridesmaids included **Deena Fox**, **Rachel Greer**,

04 BARNARD FUND GIFTS IN FY 04:
\$18,467

PARTICIPATION:

43% (239 DONORS/550 IN CLASS)

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Ebony Wiresinger tells us that **Ashley Payton** is traveling throughout Western Europe for two weeks as part of Alpha Kappa Alpha's post-national convention trip. She'll be thinking of us as she sits at French cafés and writes in her travelogue.

Ashley Compton is a research assistant with Ester Fuchs (political science professor on leave from Barnard) in the Office of the Mayor, and lives in Midtown. Ashley also reports that **Hadley Heffernan** is a research assistant at a D.C.-based consulting firm, and that **Sarah Isaacs** lives on the Upper West Side and works at the Whitney Museum.

Laura Gee works in Cambridge at the consulting firm LECG as a research analyst on the EU-Microsoft case. Before starting work she went home to California, where she visited

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Elliott Hall). Barnard was presented with this rare opportunity to buy nearby acreage when Columbia decided not to move forward with a project it had been planning for the 110th Street site and to focus instead on the University campus's northward expansion. The new Barnard building will be ready to house 91 students and 23 faculty members when today's first-years begin their second semester as sophomores.

The professors who welcomed and are now teaching our new students have much to be proud of themselves. They have recently garnered a host of honors; space permits me to mention only a representative few. Helene P. Foley, professor of classics, was named the next Jane K. Sather Classical Professor at the University of California, Berkeley. In that capacity, she will spend her Barnard leave time next spring preparing to give the most prestigious lecture series in classics in the world in 2007-08. Brian Morton, associate professor of biological sciences, has been invited to serve as associate editor for the *Journal of Molecular Evolution*. On campus, two new named professorships were endowed and awarded in our legendary art history department: Natalie Kampen is the first Barbara Novak '50 Professor of Art History (a chair endowed by trustee Karen Fleiss '68), and Benjamin Buchloh is the first Virginia Bloedel Wright '51 Professor of Art History. Collegewide, the Barnard faculty received a record \$3.9 million in research grants during fiscal year 2004 from such institutions as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the German Marshall Fund. And at the start of this semester, our veteran faculty members were joined by 16 distinguished new arrivals, some of whom you can read about on page 8.

Since the members of the Class of 2008 arrived, they have been busy not only with demanding courses, new friendships, campus organizations, and everything New York has to offer, but also with public events on campus. The Barnard calendar for the month of September alone featured such programs as a talk by journalist Anne Garrels, National Public Radio correspondent and author of *Naked in Baghdad*, and one of only 16 American journalists to stay in the Iraqi capital and file reports as American forces advanced on the city in 2003; a Barnard Forum on Migration presentation by Brian Larkin, assistant professor of anthropology, analyzing the longstanding popularity of Indian films in Africa and the influence Bollywood has had on African societies; the Virginia C. Gildersleeve Lecture by Roseanne Haggerty, founder and president of the community organization Common Ground, who proposed innovative solutions to poverty and homelessness; and a conversation with biographer Michael Eric Dyson about Marvin Gaye and Tupac Shakur, focusing on the struggles these musical artists faced as African-American men.

Offering the Class of 2008 this wealth of experience—the experience of living and learning in vastly improved facilities, taking courses taught by exceptional professors, participating in exciting public forums, and much more—requires a constant stream of financial support. Despite the continued weakness of the American economy, we have made considerable progress thanks to the generous alumnae, parents, and friends who provided Barnard with \$26,246,139 in new cash and pledges in fiscal year 2004—a record-high sum that topped 2003's former record by 3 percent. Unrestricted contributions to The Barnard Fund totaled \$4.8 million, another all-time high, and bested the 2003 total by 7 percent. At the same time, the College

received a record \$5.2 million in institutional support from such funding agencies as the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Sherman Fairchild Foundation, and the Third Millennium Foundation. I highly recommend this magazine's Sources pages for easily digestible information about where Barnard's funding comes from and where the money goes. I also recommend the enclosed Blue Book, which offers a test of your knowledge of commonly unknown or misunderstood Barnard facts, on subjects ranging from basic finances to illustrious alumnae.

As increased financial resources enable our students, faculty, administrators, and staff to accomplish great things here, our accomplished alumnae are doing great things and providing enlightened leadership in their own professions and communities. These tens of thousands of Barnard women living throughout the country and around the globe can rest confident in the knowledge that the Class of 2008 is already poised to assume the role Barnard women have always assumed in the world—a world that needs them now more than ever.

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addition, excursions to museums, theaters, and operas help tie the program to the city's cultural life.

Fischer, who took Vandenburg's course on Modernism, says their relationship inspires her. "There is so much I've been able to take out of her teaching and her persona that's invigorating and strengthening," she says. As she wrote in her essay, "There is nothing so important to one who quests for the truth as encountering another who understands." ☒

Jennifer L. Hanson writes on issues ranging from personal finance to the environment.

WITH GOD ON THEIR SIDE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Adam Clayton Powell Jr., preached the Judeo-Christian message of justice and equality with an aggressively political style, gives students a chance to see a historic hub of the movement. Attendance, two exams, and two papers, the first addressing the historical and social context of the civil rights movement and the second being a reflection on the importance of religion in the

movement, make up the students' grades.

The class far exceeded the expectations of religion and American studies double-major Megan Greenwell '06. "The material was such a unique twist on a familiar story that it forced us to think about events very differently," she says. In class discussions assessing the long-term effects of the civil rights struggle, Greenwell also noted that students from the South were able to share their views and "set the record straight" on the present-

day South, which, as a Californian, she found very interesting.

As a result of his work in this course, Balmer, whose published works include *Religion in American Life: A Short History* (Oxford University Press, 2003) and *Protestantism in America* (Columbia University Press, 2002), has started a new book about the way religion can influence leaders to action in different ways, *So Help Me God: Piety and the Presidency from John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush*.

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If it were not for the obvious decades that separated Craze and Stein, they wouldn't have noticed the age difference. "It was freeing to be with her," Craze says. "I was immediately comfortable with her. She was so much herself, no false airs. She wasn't bitter; she had a funny sense of humor and was incredibly youthful." Coming together across generations is natural for some women. Younger friends are our memory and older women are our barometer.

"For Barnard women, age is no barrier to friendship. Our common interests and mutual affection far outweigh any differences that may exist," Ethel Greenfield Booth '32 says of the friends she made after joining the Barnard College Club of Los Angeles in 1960. "I could not have begun to imagine that some of my closest friends would come from a group of women who meet officially perhaps six times a year," she says. "What became clearer, the older I got, was that I was always an equal among equals; age was never an issue."

Seven friends—whose ages span 35 years—from the club had a lunch in honor of Booth's 90th birthday in March. Joemy Wilson '67, former club president,

wrote in her card, "You are truly the youngest person I know." Booth was particularly touched that Wilson made a donation to the College in honor of her birthday. "I couldn't believe that anybody would make a gesture like what Joemy did," Booth says.

Friendships certainly aren't synonymous with a Barnard education, but as Craze notes, "Barnard does produce interesting women."

"I want younger girls to know how important it is to keep up one's Barnard connections, however busy we may be," Heald says, underscoring the impact that "Barnard Girls Night" has had on her.

We don't always move through life in the same order or at the same pace, but women's shared experiences are the foundation for our friendships. Our friends are reminders of what we've lived through and what we want to accomplish. They are a constant in our ever-evolving lives. ☒

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The Alumnae Association of Barnard College (AABC) sponsors a number of regional clubs and interest-based groups, all of which can introduce you to friends old and new. Barnard Alma Maters (Sweet Mothers) is focused on the challenges and joys of balancing motherhood, work, and other aspects of women's lives. Project Continuum: Barnard Women in Transition is designed for alumnae ages 50 and older who have retired or are contemplating retirement. The AABC young alumnae committee has programs geared to meet social, career, and community concerns of younger alumnae. For more information on alumnae groups, go to www.barnard.edu/alum/groups/index.html, or contact Alumnae Affairs at 212-854-2005 or alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu.

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in the college and to minimize the adverse consequences for Barnard.

Columbia's Decision

Disappointing though Gillian Lindt's dissent was to those in Hamilton Hall, it had the considerable virtue, in the minds of those in Low Library, of buying the university some time. The new president, Michael Sovern, agreed with most other Columbia administrators that single-sex schooling was an "anachronism," but he wanted to see how far Barnard and Columbia could go toward coeducation before acting unilaterally to admit women. Barnard College's new president, Ellen Futter, was a former student of his at Columbia Law School; Helene Kaplan was one of his oldest friends (she graduated from Barnard the same year he graduated from Columbia College); and one of his daughters was a Barnard alumna. He vowed to do all that he could to expand coeducation on Morningside Heights.

By October 1981, the Barnard and Columbia trustees believed that they had reached an agreement in principle. Barnard and Columbia students would share housing and dining facilities, the Barnard curriculum would be modified to require that all Barnard students take Columbia's core curriculum (which would be taught, in part, by Barnard faculty), and steps would be taken to ensure cross-registration, with the aim of achieving the same level of coeducation that then existed at other coeducational Ivy League schools. In practice, that would mean that undergraduate classes would be at least 40 percent female. In October 1981, each president took the Agreement in Principle to his or her respective faculty. Neither group proved happy. ...

In the end, Michael Sovern's decision seems to have been based on three key considerations. First, one of his children was enrolled at Brown University, coed since 1973, with an applicant pool that was significantly larger and stronger than Columbia's. It galled him that Columbia was less selective than Brown. Second, he concluded that Barnard was not willing to sacrifice as much control over its own curriculum as would be necessary to produce the 40 percent level of female enrollment in Columbia classes that he insisted was necessary for Columbia to call itself a coeducational institution. Admitting women seemed the only possible answer to achieving the coeducation he wanted to see. And, finally, the Breslow Committee report persuaded him that, were Columbia to admit women, Barnard would survive. And yet, unless he conceded something of real value to Barnard, he feared coming to be known as "the butcher of Barnard." The Barnard negotiating team made that much clear to him.

Columbia therefore agreed to remain affiliated with Barnard and to guarantee continued access to Columbia's rich resources. In addition, Columbia would no longer seek to dictate the fields in which Barnard searched for new faculty, and the university would relinquish its majority voting power on ad hoc committees. Under this revised ad hoc system, Barnard would have two votes, Columbia would have two, and a scholar from outside the university in the candidate's field would be the fifth member of each ad hoc committee. Just as important, all committees considering Barnard tenure cases would be told by the Columbia provost that, while Barnard faculty were to be held to the same high standard as Columbia faculty, their greater involvement in undergraduate teaching would be taken into account in making decisions about tenure. Finally, in an important bow

toward the salutary effect that Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (which Columbia feminists had been so influential in producing) was already having on women's participation in sports, Barnard athletes would be eligible to participate in Division I sports with their Columbia counterparts.

Assurances from the Breslow Committee notwithstanding, many observers on both sides of Broadway believed that Columbia's decision to admit women meant certain death for Barnard without genuine coeducation for Columbia. The reaction of the Barnard faculty to Ellen Futter's announcement of Sovern's decision was initially shocked disbelief, and the immediate effect on recruitment at Barnard was nothing short of disastrous. Of women admitted to both Barnard and Columbia in 1983, 90 percent chose to go to Columbia. A difficult decade followed ...

And yet, Barnard survived through the determined leadership of Ellen Futter in the 1980s and of her successor, Judith Shapiro, in the 1990s. Futter embarked on a major fund-raising campaign. She also accepted the recommendation in 1985 of a faculty committee on a maternity- and parental-leave policy. This policy, the first since the one that Helen Rogers Reid and Virginia Gildersleeve had formulated in 1930, but Millicent McIntosh had abandoned to save money, granted pregnant staff a semester off at half pay, with full benefits. Not as generous as the original plan of a semester off at full pay, but a start, it certainly was more generous than at Columbia, which had no maternity leave provision. In recognition of the time required to parent a young child, Futter also accepted a faculty recommendation that new parents be able to slow the tenure clock by a year following the birth of a child.

Futter's most daring decision as

president was to embark on the construction of a new dormitory for which Barnard did not yet have the funds. Building Sulzberger Tower, as the dormitory came to be known in honor of the family that had done so much for the college and that had donated \$5 million toward the project, finally made the campus fully residential, at a time when both Columbia and other colleges were moving in that direction. Barnard was helped, in turn, by the publication of a series of studies claiming that girls and women reached their potential more readily in all-female settings than in coeducational institutions.

Coeducation: The True Meaning

When Judith Shapiro took over in 1994, she reinforced that message. Raised in Queens, and educated in that borough's public schools, Shapiro recalled that "school was my world," and her mother—a schoolteacher turned librarian—her model. There was never any question but that she would end up in academe. Shapiro earned her bachelor's degree at Brandeis in 1963 and studied European history briefly at Berkeley, but found archival research stultifying. Returning to New York, she worked in a series of jobs in publishing and psychological research before entering graduate school at Columbia in anthropology in 1964, "with a National Institute of Mental Health fellowship but not a single course in anthropology." She quickly sensed that the all-male faculty was more concerned with establishing men than women in careers, but she felt "well taken care of by faculty advisers" and flourished in the left-wing political culture of the department, where growing outrage over the Vietnam War united students and faculty in antiwar protests.

What she did not experience, however, was any sense that gender mattered

intellectually. That tradition in Columbia's anthropology department was long dead. Setting off for Brazil in 1967, she decided to focus on the social culture of the Yanomamo Indians. Influenced by the emerging feminism of the day, she noticed something for which her training had not prepared her: the chief organizing principle of the society was the differing roles of men and women. Her dissertation became "Sex Roles and Social Structure Among the Yanomamo Indians of Northern Brazil."

In that golden moment before academic jobs disappeared, she took a position at the University of Chicago, where she was both the first woman ever to teach anthropology and the first person to teach a course on sex roles. She found the intellectual atmosphere at Chicago exciting, but uncomfortable, too: "I hadn't finished my dissertation. Everyone in the department was a male, senior faculty member. It was intimidating." Completing her degree in 1972, she moved in 1975 to Bryn Mawr, where she rose to the position of provost before coming to Barnard as president. Having worked in both single-sex and coeducational settings and having trained as an anthropologist, she knew something about what coeducation meant in theory and in practice.

As she addressed the audience at her inauguration in 1994, she summed up what she had learned. As long as women remained disadvantaged members of the larger society, she argued, women's colleges would have a place: "At a time in the life cycle when pressures of gender socialization are building, girls' schools and women's colleges function as a kind of liberated zone If too many coeducational classrooms are places where boys will be boys and girls will be girls, all-female classrooms are places where girls stand a better chance of getting to be people."

But the persistence of a women's col-

lege in a coeducational university was not just about students, she continued. It was about the whole institution. Coeducation did not yet exist, she said, in an institution where men and women were not yet equally likely to study all fields. Nor was an institution coeducational if women and men were not found in similar numbers in all ranks of the faculty and administration.

The remarkable thing about Barnard College, President Shapiro concluded, was that it had been a coeducational institution in the fullest sense for longer than any other part of the university and, as such, continued to have a place in a university on its way to full coeducational status. ☒

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How It Was

I lived in two worlds in the 1930s. The Depression was raging around us, but no one talked about it at Barnard. There were formal teas where I learned to balance a cup of tea and a cake plate on my knees. Sometimes celebrities were invited. I remember gaping at opera

singer Lily Pons and Robert Nathan, author of *A Portrait of Jennie*, but was too shy to speak to them.

One year the Works Progress Administration orchestra came to Columbia to play Beethoven's symphonies. I made nine weekly pilgrimages to hear these first class, formerly unemployed musicians perform for free. I walked back exhilarated, humming the music to store it in my memory.

For weeks, we practiced for Greek Games. Dressed in colorful tunics, we paraded barefoot into the gym, singing praises to Apollo. We competed in everything from music, poetry, and costume to discus throwing, hurdling, and torch racing. The crowning event was the chariot race. Each charioteer shouted commands in Greek and cracked her long whip at her four "horses," who pranced and tossed their heads with dazzling grace and precision. We cheered our classmates on with the cries of "*Nike! Nike!*"

At home, however, there was no escape from reality. In 1929, we had lost our savings in the stock market crash. A few years later, my father lost his job. There was no unemployment insurance then. By nature, he was a cheerful, exuberant man. Now he wandered silently around the house like a mournful ghost.

My mother raised her fist high in the air and declared, "I defy fate!" Then she took the helm. She concocted such delicacies as stewed beef heart. My brothers and I boycotted the stewed brains.

One day she told me that a woman was coming to the house. "Don't tell her you're going to college," she warned me. My mother must have applied for public assistance. Soon my father went to Yonkers City Hall for food.

It probably never occurred to my parents to ask my brother and me to leave school to help support our family of five. It might have saved them some of the humiliation they had to endure; I think now that their reverence for education was paramount. Like a gold thread, it was woven into the fabric of our lives. The unspoken message was to get our degrees no matter what the cost was to them.

I immediately applied for a National Youth Administration job. I did research for my English professor and later assisted a Columbia fine arts professor. The jobs paid 25 cents an hour. That covered my trolley and subway fare, a glass of milk with my brown paper bag lunch of cream cheese on whole wheat, and sometimes, a secondhand textbook.

Graduation was full of pomp and circumstance. It began with a class sing in front of Barnard Hall, then a dinner, two graduation ceremonies, and the prom. After the prom, four of us sat outside a friend's house in Yonkers and watched the dawn come up. Then I went home, grabbed my cap and gown, and rushed to St. Paul's Chapel for the baccalaureate service. The minister's voice floated over me. Then the crash of the organ pouring out Handel's "Water Music" jolted me out of my stupor. At the same moment, someone opened the chapel side door next to me. I looked out at the golden day, the sun shining on a long row of purple irises.

It was time to go out into an uncertain world. ☒

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SWEET Shot

"Marzipan" taken by Elizabeth Kroll '05 in Cologne, Germany, received first place in the documentary category in Barnard's SNAP photo contest for students who studied abroad during the academic year. Kroll spent last year studying at the London School of Economics.

